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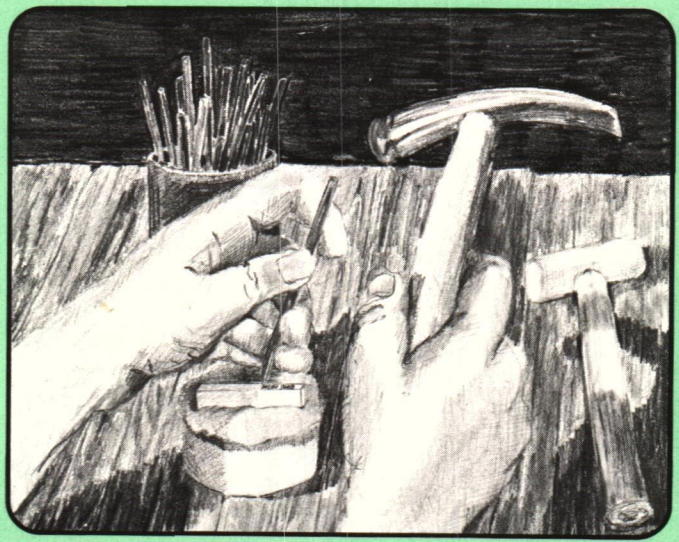

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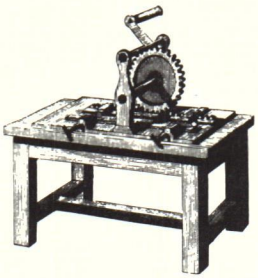

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FLORENCE M. SCHOOK

Expanding the Hobby

The ANA's 94th Anniversary Convention in Baltimore marked the beginning of my term as the 44th president of the American Numismatic Association, and I would like to express my sincere best wishes to each and every member of the ANA as I assume my new duties and responsibilities. I ask for your enthusiastic support and assistance, and in return I promise to put forth my very best effort to ensure a more dynamic, vibrant and effective ANA. I look forward to working with all members and "official family," past, present and future.

Expanding the hobby of numismatics is everyone's business, but lest we forget, we must also put the "fun" back into collecting while earnestly pursuing new heights of accomplishment and achievement. Collecting is fun, especially for novices and youngsters. A dramatic increase in interest and enthusiasm is evident, but there still is a tremendous amount of work we can and must do if we are to become stronger and grow with the times.

Membership and education are two of the more immediate areas of concern, yet we must continue to explore and develop new avenues of endeavor to satisfy members and newcomers. If we are to render more benefits and services to the entire dealer/collector fraternity, we must look to our dealer friends and fellow collectors for support. In addition, no amount of effort should be spared to make it easier and more economical for both members and nonmembers to participate in and attend our annual conventions.

Your ideas, suggestions and input are indeed important, and I urge you to let the ANA know of your concerns. Participation and involvement is the name of the game . . . let's all get out and work for our hobby.

Canadian Numismatic Association Convention

As an ANA delegate officially appointed by Q. David Bowers, it was my distinct privilege and pleasure to attend the Canadian Numismatic Association Convention in Regina, Saskatchewan, July 17-21, 1985. Believe me when I say no stone was left unturned by General Chairman Chris Gilboy and the committee members of the Regina Coin Club to produce an outstanding and memorable event. The warm welcome, exceptional hospitality and friendly atmosphere that prevailed throughout the convention made for a most enjoyable visit with Canada's many dedicated numismatists. Let's keep in mind that the 1986 CNA convention is scheduled to be held in Toronto, preceding the ANA gathering in Milwaukee, so hopefully our U.S. delegation will attend their conclave. You are sure to be welcomed with open arms.

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LETTERS

Korwin's Concerns Out of Focus

I have just finished a second reading of Mr. Korwin's very thorough and scientifically presented article on coin cleaning ("Shedding Light on Coin Cleaning," June 1985). My first reaction is that it is somewhat out of focus. He is obviously concerned—as a growing majority of dealers seem to be—primarily with Proof and Uncirculated coins. What about the great quantity of coins not in these categories? Much of what he has to say in no way takes these into account. Some of his statements also seem to me very questionable. "The desire to possess a coin . . . should be achieved through careful acquisition of coins, not by acting upon the coins themselves." All very well for those with the time to look and the money to spend. The vast majority of collectors have neither the opportunity nor the means. Has an uncleaned coin become sacrosanct?

"When is coin cleaning an artificial enhancement?" How can it be artificial if it brings a coin closer to its appearance when issued? Toning is the artificial enhancement, if indeed it is enhancement at all. Only one coin in 100 or perhaps 1,000 has really beautiful toning. Normally it is patchy—a mishmash of color, capable of concealing slight defects. Toning is frequently a distraction; one looks at the toning and not at the coin itself. A silver coin, in my eyes, should look silver.

"How easily can one be victimized?" This surely is a slur on dealers. If one is buying from a dealer he knows and trusts, and has the use of his eyes and a good magnifying glass, being victimized can only be an assumption.

Mr. Korwin's great concern about the irreparable loss of metal in cleaning is again in very narrow focus. What possible difference can it make to a VF or EF coin if it loses an infinitesimal amount of metal? Ninety-nine percent of collectors are not weighers, and such a coin, cleaned, can really become a thing of beauty with gray changed into silver.

The whole article reflects the condition mania that has seized the hobby in recent years. Old-time collectors, I am sure, bought the best coins that were available to them, but they were not fanatics. One look at the ads in *The Numismatist* today reveals how many dealers deal only in rare, choice, brilliant, quality, gem, and superb Mint and Proof coins. One can only gape at the spread between an EF and an Uncirculated coin to see what fools we mortals be.

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I am also looking for information about any U.S. or foreign coins with the counterstamp BUS set inside a rectangle. I once saw a 1780s-dated Mexican 8 escudos with this BUS counterstamp. The coin was well worn (possibly graded Very Good but closer to Good) and had a large plugged hole at 9 o'clock. The plug appeared to be gold and was noticeably thicker than the coin itself. If you know the whereabouts of this coin, or any other coin with a BUS counterstamp, I would very much appreciate hearing about it.

Daniel Byrns, ANA 123378

Member Condemns Treasure-Hunting Activities

The ANA is described as an educational organization and many of the articles in *The Numismatist* are oriented toward the historical aspects of the hobby. I was, therefore, quite surprised and disappointed to read the note in "Numismatic Narratives" (*The Numismatist*, July 1985, pp. 1309-10) describing Mel Fisher's search for treasure.

The activities conducted by his company and similar companies have led to the destruction of many historically significant shipwrecks. They are concerned only with the gold and valuable artifacts and care nothing for the mate-

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rial that can be studied and used by historians to provide insight into 15th-century Spanish activity in the Western Hemisphere.

Historians and archaeologists are proposing legislation to protect historic shipwrecks from such activities and to provide them the same protection given historic and prehistoric sites on land. The ANA should not support treasure-hunting activity. The shipwrecks are an irreplaceable resource and they should not be disturbed by persons interested only in the cash value of the artifacts.

Steve Koczan, ANA 126184

Editor's Note: *The ANA neither supports nor opposes treasure salvage. Although it may be true that salvors are interested only in the "cash value," THE NUMISMATIST is committed to report news of numismatic discoveries.*

Mint Makes Amends

With respect to my persistent advocacy of U.S. Postal Service delivery of Proof sets to post office boxes rather than home delivery by the United Parcel Service ("New Shipping Procedure Advocated for Mint," May 1985, p. 876), I and others in my area involved with "doorstep" delivery have received our 1985 Proof sets in our *post office boxes*, delivered by the *U.S. Postal Service*.

I have written Donna Pope a deserved thank you, and since I am sure that my single complaint did not get these pleasing results, I would like to ask other readers of *The Numismatist* who registered similar complaints to write letters of thanks.

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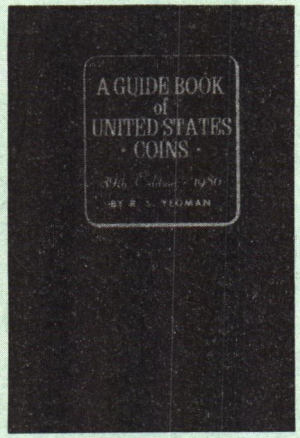
Cook led an enthusiastic delegation of Americans to the biennial congress of the Federation International de la Medaille (FIDEM) in Stockholm, Sweden, in June, where FIDEM officials accepted their proposal to host the 1987 congress in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Subsequently, a coordinating committee has been formed; anyone interested in helping organize this major American medallic event should contact Alan Stahl at the ANS, Broadway at 155th St., New York, NY 10032.

Red Book Offered in 39th Edition

Historical data, mintage records, coinage statistics and valuations are listed for all United States issues from 1616 to 1985 in the 1986 edition of R.S. Yeoman's *Guide Book of United States Coinage*, commonly known as the "Red Book." Also listed are special varieties and errors, historical background and technical data, mintage figures, metal contents, comprehensive cataloging of all Colonial and Territorial pieces, and latest discoveries.



The price changes in the 39th edition are most prevalent for silver dollars, half dollars and commemorative pieces, nearly all of which have shown dramatic increases, particularly in Choice condition. Colonial coins, 3-cent and 5-cent nickel pieces, Mercury dimes and early gold issues also show increases. Many gold coins, especially Territorial issues, show downward price trends.

Traditional special sections are again offered in the new edition, including discussions of misstruck coins, Uncirculated and Proof sets, bullion values of gold and silver coins, Civil War and Hard Times tokens, Lesher pieces, Feuchtwanger cents, Hawaiian coins and tokens, and coins of the Philippines under United States sovereignty.

The 1986 edition of the Red Book sells for $5.95 and is available through most coin, hobby and bookstores, as well as Western Publishing Company, Dept. M, P.O. Box 700, Racine, WI 53401.

ANS Volumes Catalog Dewing Collection of Ancients

The Arthur S. Dewing Collection of Greek Coins, the sixth set of books in a series about ancient coins in North American collections, has been edited by Leo Mildenberg and Silvia Hurter for the American Numismatic Society. The two-volume, hard-cover set discusses 2,797 pieces issued in Aegina, Cappadocia, Carthage, Corinth, Crete, Italy, Macedonia, Mauretania, Thessaly, Thrace, Sicily and Syria. One volume contains text, the other black-and-white photographs of each piece.

Arthur Dewing (1880-1971), a founder of the Harvard Business School and curator of coins at the Massachusetts Historical Society, was a member of the ANS council and began collecting ancient coins in Greece in the 1930s. Several of his Syracusan coins were acquired from the Gallatin Collection in Philadelphia.

The ANS' fully-illustrated series about ancient coins, including *The Arthur S. Dewing Collection of Greek Coins*, sells for $120, plus postage, from the ANS, Broadway at 155th Streets, New York, NY 10032.

Mint Sales Area Relocates

In August the United States Mint sales area located in the main Treasury building in Washington, D.C., since the early 1970s was moved to the Washington Tourist Information Center in the Department of Commerce building at 1400 Pennsylvania Avenue. The closing of the old Mint sales area, as well as the Mint exhibit hall, is part of

the planned restructuring of vehicle and pedestrian traffic on the East Executive Avenue side of the Treasury building.

The new sales area, which still can be reached by telephoning 202/566-5221, will sell all medals and coin sets previously available at the old location, including Proof sets, Uncirculated sets, Bicentennial sets, George Washington half dollars, souvenir Anthony dollar sets and more than 150 national medals.

Newsletter Discusses Panda Coins

PandaAmerica, distributors of China's panda coinage, has issued a new newsletter entitled "Pandagram." The first issue features as lead article "Pandas vs. Krugers," which suggests the "long domination of South Africa's gold krugerrand in the American gold bullion market may be coming to an end . . . with Congress and numerous private groups seriously upset with South Africa's abominable apartheid policy . . . taking steps against the krugerrands."

Other articles announce a one-troy-ounce, pure silver panda bar and the limited availability of 1984 and 1985 Singollars with English inscriptions. Future issues of "Pandagram" can be obtained free of charge by writing to PandaAmerica, Malaga Grove Plaza, 426 Via Corta, Suite 205, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274.

New Yorker Hoards $2 Million

An elderly man found dead in a New York housing project left behind $2 million in rare coins, stamps, gold and diamonds, according to New York Housing Police. A retired jeweler, he apparently died of natural causes.

Arnold Kahn, 72, lived for 15 years in a $257-per-month apartment on Nostrand Avenue in Brooklyn. Police found valuables in several metal fishing-tackle boxes, and estimated Kahn's hoard at $2 million.

"We thought he was a disabled veteran getting a pension from the VA and Social Security," said police spokesman Val Coleman. "He was a little over-income for public housing." Kahn left no will, and authorities are trying to determine his heirs.

Atocha Divers Bag Silver Lode

In 50 feet of water 40 miles from Key West, Florida, salvage divers working on the wreck of the Spanish galleon *Nuestra Senora de Atocha* reached the vessel's cargo hold in July and discovered a pile of silver bars five feet high. According to the *Atocha*'s manifest, 1,200 bars, valued at $6 million today, were aboard when the ship sank during a hurricane in 1622.

For Mel Fisher, president of Treasure Salvors, the find represents the climax of his 16-year odyssey involving research, financing, court battles with state and federal agencies to establish a right to recovered treasure, and the death of his son and daughter-in-law, who perished when a vessel capsized.

Divers previously recovered gold escudos, Colombian emeralds, rings, and gold plates and cups from the *Atocha* and her sister ship, *Santa Margarita*. Both ships could yield material worth $400 million if effectively salvaged, a Treasure Salvors spokesman estimated.

Fisher, a native of Gary, Indiana, and an engineering graduate of Purdue University, has established a permanent exhibit of recovered treasure in Key West and has founded the Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society, designed to explore "the nonprofit, educational aspects of treasure hunting."

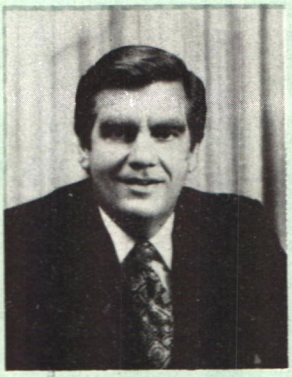
Gold 1953 Sovereign Brings £24,000

Lubbock & Son, London coin and bank note specialists, purchased on June 13 an extremely rare 1953 pattern Proof gold sovereign for £24,000. Once part of the Norweb Collection of English coins, the piece originally was from a set struck for national collections on the occasion of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation. The set, which was not made available to collectors at the time, consisted of a gold £5, £2, sovereign and half sovereign.

Approximately 10 sovereigns from the very limited mintage are believed to have survived. The Lubbock example, featuring Mary Gillick's portrait of Queen Elizabeth together with Pistrucci's rendering of St. George and the dragon, is the first to be sold at auction.

Schwartz Named to Prison Industries Board

Donald A. Schwartz, president of the Medallic Art Company, will be appointed by President Reagan to the board of directors of Federal Prison Industries, Incorporated, the White House has announced. Schwartz, 53, has been active in Republican circles



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for a number of years. His company produced two inaugural medals for President Reagan, as well as eight other inaugural medals, Pulitzer Prize medals, national medals of science and industry, and a wide variety of private issues.

Federal Prison Industries was established by Congress in 1934 and operates 75 different factories in 44 correctional institutions. The six members of its board meet periodically around the country to set policy for the government corporation.

1985 Uncirculated Sets Available

Uncirculated United States coin sets, comprising the Lincoln cent, Jefferson nickel, Roosevelt dime, Washington quarter and Kennedy half dollar, now are available from the Mint. Packaged in soft plastic, the 1985-dated set includes mintmark tokens denoting the mint at which each group of five coins was struck and sealed.

Customers will receive one group each from the Denver and Philadelphia Mints—10 coins and two mintmark pieces in all, accompanied by an informative folder describing the designs depicted on each coin. The 1985 Uncirculated set, priced at $7 postpaid, is available from the U.S. Mint, Uncirculated Coin Set Program, P.O. Box 7743, San Francisco, CA 94120.

Gold and Silver Emporium Appoints Ketterling

Gold and Silver Emporium, a division of Gold and Silver Financial Group, Incorporated, has announced the appointment of Don Ketterling as the firm's head numismatist. Involved with rare coins since 1957, Ketterling's specialties include U.S. silver dollars, Walking Liberty halves, Standing Liberty quarters, U.S. gold, Barber coinage, national bank notes, trade tokens and world coins.

Ketterling's duties will include that of chief numismatic buyer, grader and authenticator, as well as company representative at major shows and auctions. He reportedly has "seen the business through several cycles and has witnessed the gradual evolution from a collector-based hobby to the investor-based billion-dollar industry it is today."

Gold and Silver Emporium publishes the *Gold and Silver Forecaster* and *The Coin Street Journal*, of which Ketterling is a regular columnist. Sample copies are available by writing to Gold and Silver Emporium, 16764 Ventura Blvd., Encino, CA 91436, or telephoning 800/423-3022. California residents call 800/537-4500.

London Congress Seeks Exhibitors

Paper money exhibits are being solicited for the European Congress to be held October 5-6 at London's Strand Palace Hotel. Exhibition is limited to a maximum of 6 cases in each of four categories—world paper money, British bank notes, historical and junior (less than 16 years of age)—and this year is open to everyone (dealers were excluded in the past). Inquiries and exhibit applications should be directed to Exhibits Chairman Robert Kovary, 69 Durban Road West, Watford, Hertfordshire WD1 7DR, England.

The European Congress, now established as the premier paper money event in Europe, will feature more than 30 dealers at a two-day bourse. Several presentations, including exhibit awards, will be made at the International Bank Note Society's first formal dinner, scheduled for October 5 at the English Royal Overseas League. Information can be obtained from Congress Chairman Yasha Beresiner, 1A Camden Walk, Islington Green, London N1 8DY, England, telephone 01-354 2599.

Dealer Newsletter Reports Canadian Prices

The Canadian Coin Dealer Newsletter, a biweekly report of Canadian coin prices, was initiated in Toronto on April 18. Managing Editor Michael Findley, a professional coin dealer, produces the newsletter along with Associate Editor Nicholas Alexakos.

"The CCDN should please everyone who has an opportunity to buy and sell Canadian coins, not only in Canada and the U.S. but all over the world," noted Findley. Presented in a "bid-and-ask" format, coin prices are quoted in Canadian funds, accompanied by a conversion factor for U.S. funds, based on gold and silver spot prices.

Subscriptions, priced at US$40 per year ($70 for two years), are available from CCDN, P.O. Box 37, Station A, Toronto, Ontario M5W 1A2, Canada.

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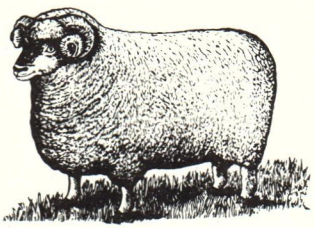

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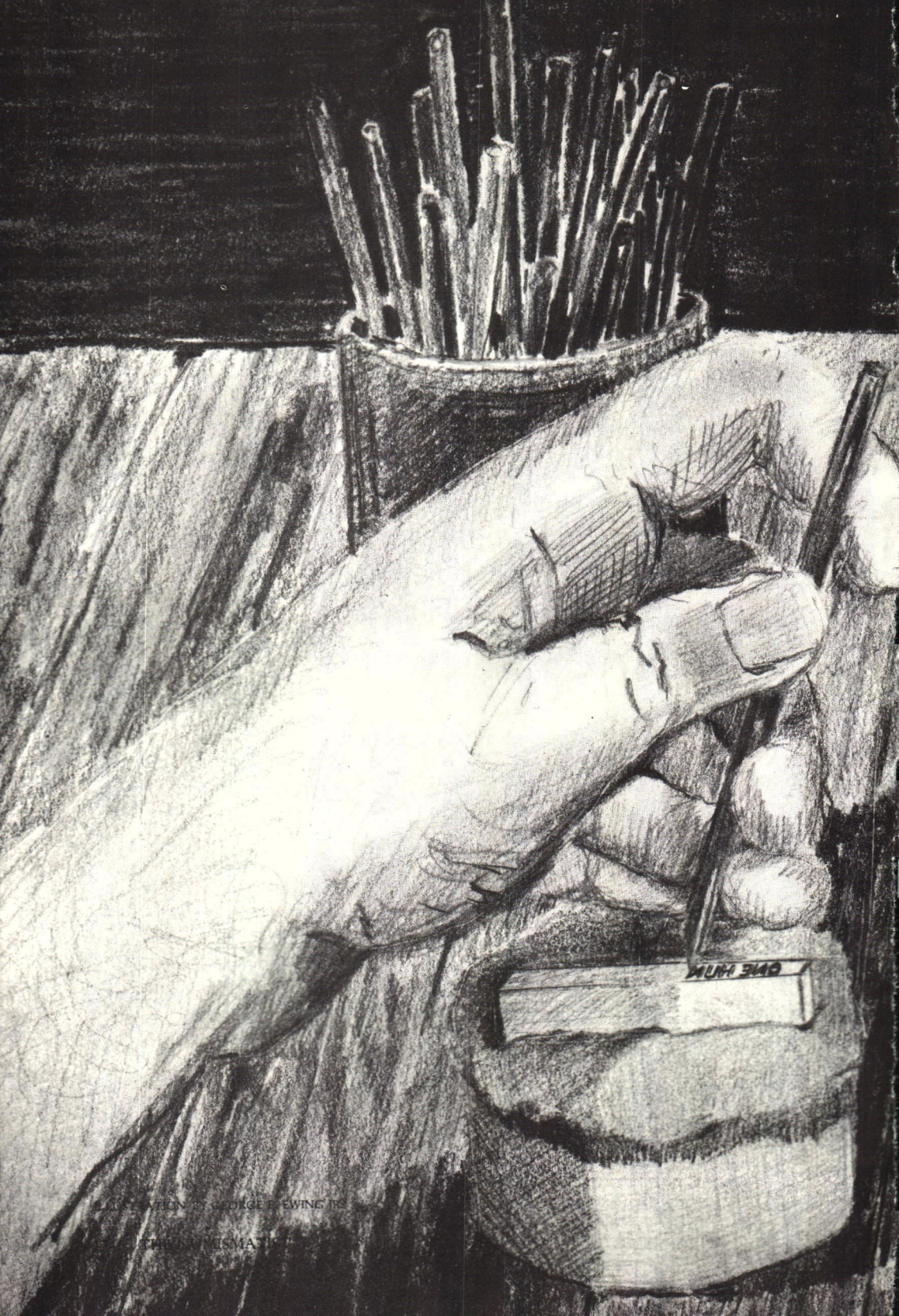

A REMEMBRANCE OF Jean Castaing

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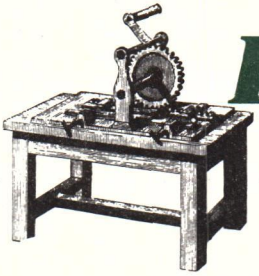
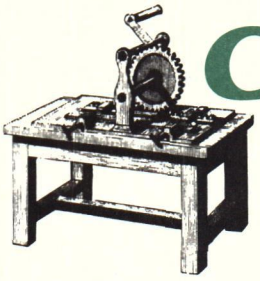


In the year 1700 an embittered French woman, aggrieved over the false imprisonment of her husband and her own humiliation at being treated as a "common criminal," petitioned the French Court of the Mint for redress. Using every argument she could muster—and they were extraordinary—she angrily attacked her husband's enemies. Her language was volatile. She did not hesitate to call them imposters, imbeciles, liars and incompetents, and she proceeded to prove, step by step, that they were deserving of every epithet she hurled at them in court.

The lady proved herself a worthy adversary. Her husband was subsequently released from prison and his chief accuser was ordered to pay £6,000 in damages. The name of this avenging Portia was

Marie Hippolyte Bosch, and the husband she so ably defended was Jean Castaing, inventor of a coin edge-lettering machine that was used in France for more than a century.

However, with her carefully prepared arguments, Madame Castaing did far more than secure her husband's release from prison some 300 years ago. She left us a valuable record of his career as an inventor of minting techniques, as well as a vivid picture of the times in which he lived and worked.



Castaing was a mechanical engineer who invented, some time before 1679, a *machine a marquer*—a machine for engraving the edges of coins. King Louis XIV, the "Sun King," was impressed with Castaing's invention, though it found little favor with the financial minister, Jean Baptiste Colbert, who saw no need for going to the added expense of marking the edges of coins.

A similar apparatus had been perfected and was in use in England, but Castaing's machine featured so many improvements that it was considered a new invention. According to Abot de Bazinghen,

> The machine, as simple as it is ingenious, consists of two thin steel rulers upon which is engraved the legend or the *cordon*; the first half of the legend is on one ruler and the second half on the second ruler. One ruler is immobile and strongly attached by screws to a copper plate secured to a heavy wooden table or workbench. The other ruler is mobile and runs on the copper plate under the action of a crank or gear whose steel teeth mesh with the teeth mounted on the copper plate surface.
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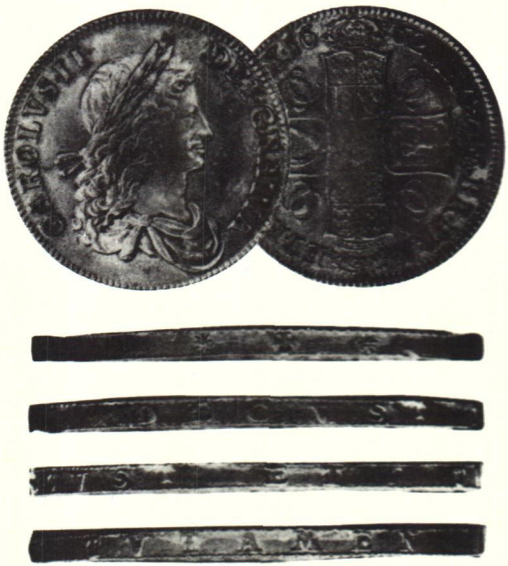
> The blank placed horizontally between the two rulers is driven by the mobile ruler motion so that when it completes half a turn, it (the coin) is entirely marked.[1]

Although the coins were edge-marked by machinery, the actual edge dies had to be engraved by hand, one at a time.

In 1686 the Council of State, with or without Colbert's compliance, approved a contract with Castaing by which he was to edge-mark all the gold and silver coins in the mints of the kingdom. He was to receive 6 deniers for each silver coin so marked, and 12 deniers for each gold coin. To build the necessary machines, Castaing was allowed use of the Paris mint and all other mints in France, but he had to supply the machines at his own cost and was responsible for paying his own clerks and workmen.

In her testimony before the court, Castaing's wife related that at first the contract did not amount to much because of the temporary lack of gold and silver for conversion. At times, she said, Castaing was forced to deal in precious stones to support his family.

However, in 1688 war was declared between France and many of the nations of Europe, and the currency situation changed. King Louis required money to support the war and also was in need of a way to reduce counterfeit abuses. Castaing once again came to the rescue. He proposed to His Majesty that old coins could be "re-



English crown of 1662. The edge lettering reads DECUS ET TUTAMEN.

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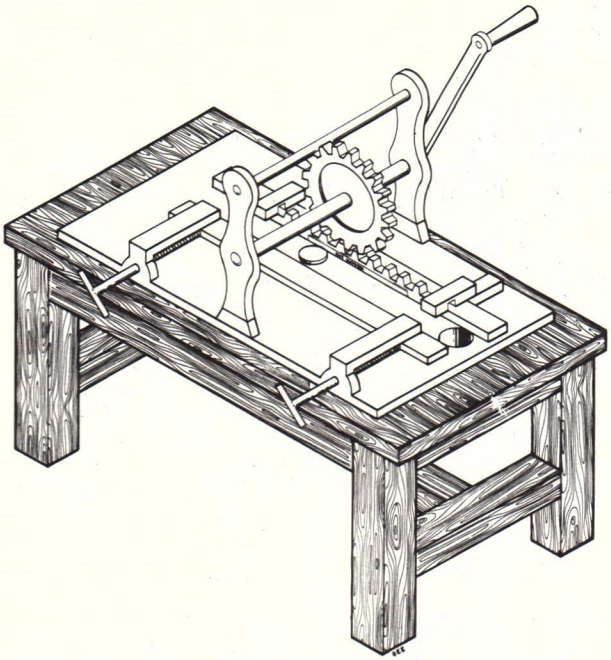

A simplified drawing of the Castaing coin edge-lettering machine.

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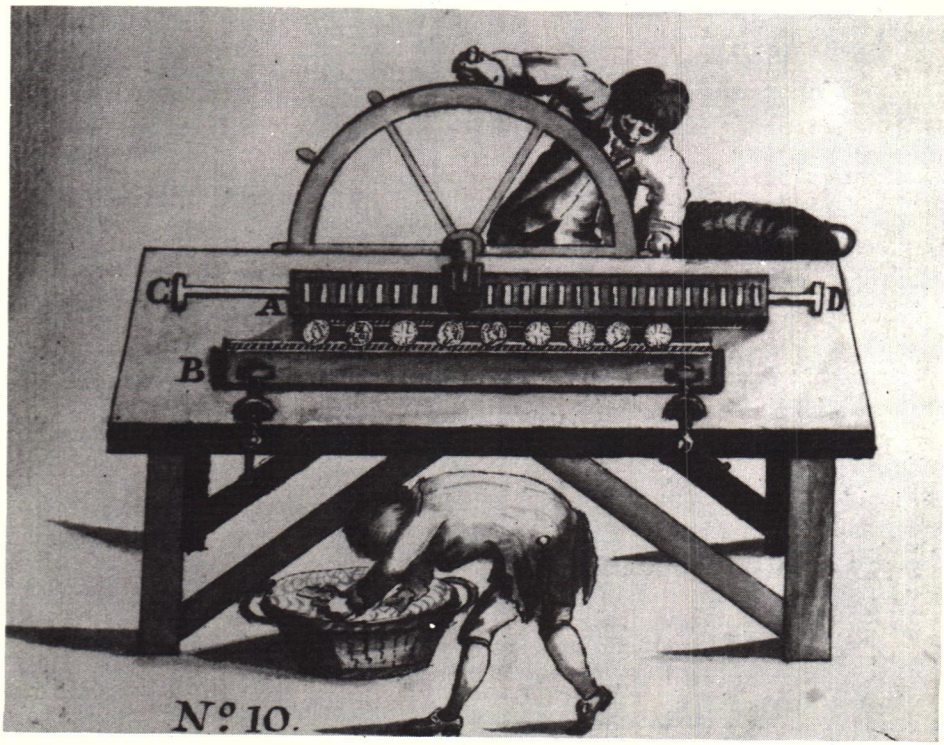

A manuscript drawing of Castaing's coin edge-lettering machine, taken from Samuel Thompson's AN ESSAY ON COINING.

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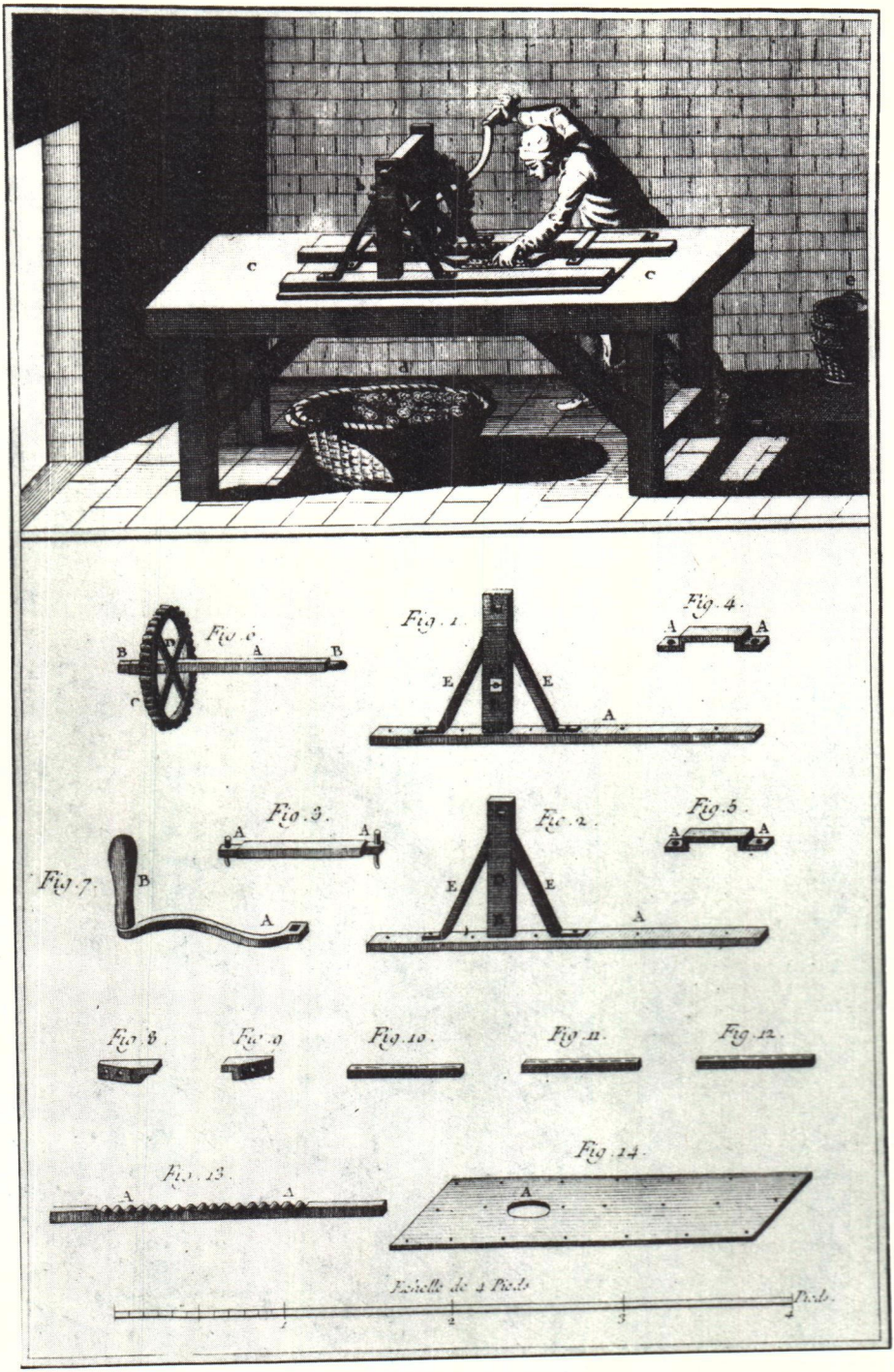
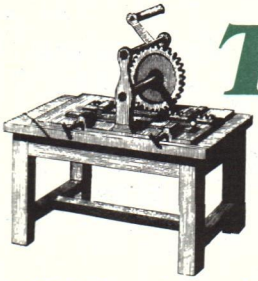


A Castaing edge-lettering machine and a diagram of its parts, taken from Diderot's ENCYCLOPEDIE, *1776.*

formed" by applying a new marking with a coin press—a *balancier*—a process that would not require melting the coins. Castaing's proposal was eagerly accepted, as it would save time and eliminate the expensive waste resulting from remelting.

Though Jean Castaing's idea and machine got the royal nod, he did not get the job. Instead of Castaing being placed in charge of the coin reformation, a Parisian tinsmith by the name of Martin Masselin was appointed to the task. For the salary of 14 deniers per coin, Masselin was to "anneal, blanch and edge-mark" the nation's money, and for each coin restored during the first three months of the contract, he would be paid a bonus of 17 deniers.



The tinsmith, however, proved to be neither efficient nor honest. In 17 months the Paris mint had recorded a growing shortage of £150,000, and an official inquiry was launched into Masselin's activities. He and all his clerks, including those in the provincial mints, were subsequently dismissed, and some were even jailed for diverting funds from the cash box. Finally, in 1691, at the direction of the king, Castaing was given general management of the kingdom's 26 mints.

An edict decreed that Castaing was to "anneal, blanch, do the depletion gilding and mark on the edge all of the ancient gold and silver coins which must be reformed." Additionally, he was to reshape those coins of unusual size and volume. He not only was to maintain the presses for the reformation of old coins, but also those for new coins.

However, instead of the 14 deniers paid Masselin, Castaing was to get only 8 deniers for each reformed coin. When an edict in 1693 called for a second reformation of coins, Castaing was reappointed, but this time at a rate of only 3 deniers for each coin marked.

In 1693 the king was determined to mint a new coin, a "laird," which would have no head (a two-tailed coin) and a value of 3 deniers. Again Castaing came to the king's aid. He suggested that the coins be minted from the cannons fished from the ocean following Admiral Tourville's battle with the English-Dutch fleet in 1692. The king agreed, and Castaing was placed in charge of the task, assisted by his nephew and namesake, himself an inventor of three minting machines.

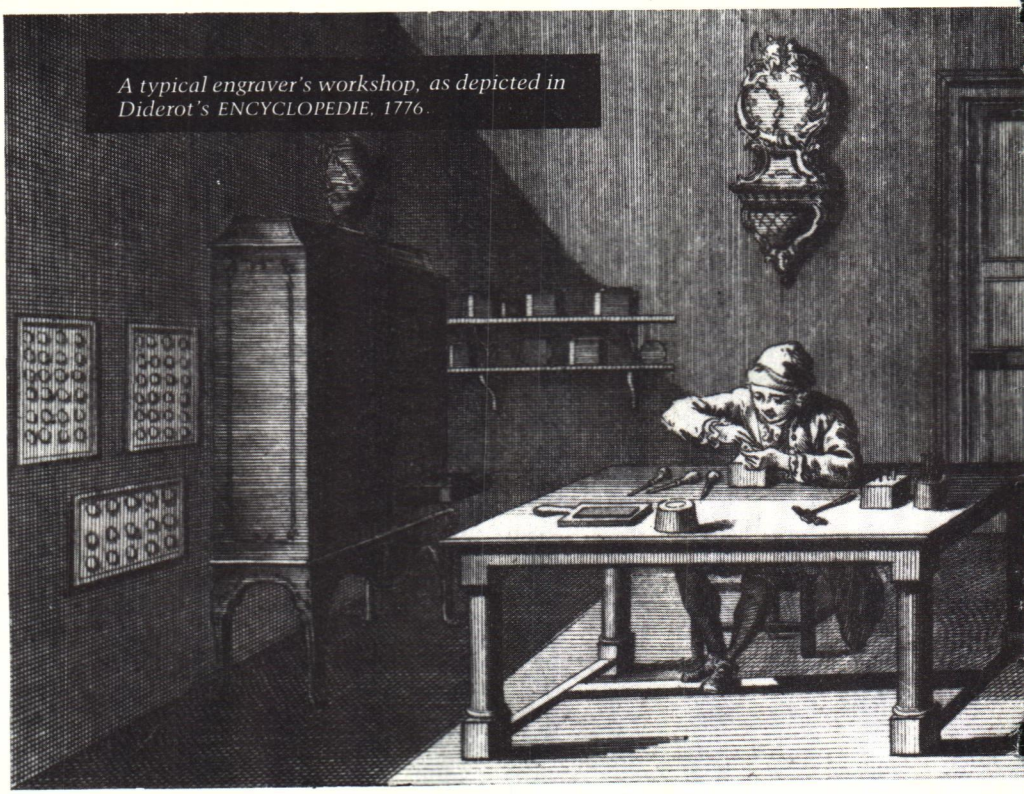
For reasons now lost to time, the Castaings abandoned the laird project, and in 1696 the contract went to Rene Landouillet. It may be that Castaing lost interest, because, in that same year, he applied for the position of general manager of the minting press at the Louvre, where medals were struck. He bid £80,000 for the post, but the king instead chose to award it to his goldsmith, Nicolas de Launay. Castaing had to be content with inventorying de Launay's tools.

It might be assumed that Castaing continued unhindered in his work as general manager of the royal mints when he did not receive the appointment at the Louvre, but in fact Castaing had enemies—dangerous enemies. The favor he enjoyed with the king and the large profits he had reaped from the two reformations provoked jealousy and envy. He had usurped the ancient privileges of many of the mint's officers and greatly reduced the minters' profits by using his own workers.

Two of his enemies were the guard judges of the Paris mint, men named Maigret and Bourgoing. The third, and most dangerous because he coveted Castaing's position, was Jacques Fournier de Saint Andre. Together these three planned Castaing's downfall. It was Fournier who brought charges against the Castaings and their clerks, accusing them of malversation—malfeasance in office. Girded with trumped-up charges, Fournier initiated a lawsuit against them to be tried in the Court of the Mint.

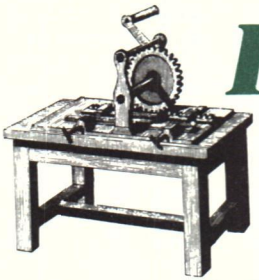
But the schemers had underestimated Castaing's wife. Apparently nothing escaped her notice and no detail was too insignificant to go unmentioned. In acrimonious detail Marie listed not only the falsity of the charges, but also her low opinion of the characters of her accusers. All this she presented to the court in writing, for which posterity is indebted.

We can now try to view, through Marie



A typical engraver's workshop, as depicted in Diderot's ENCYCLOPEDIE, 1776.

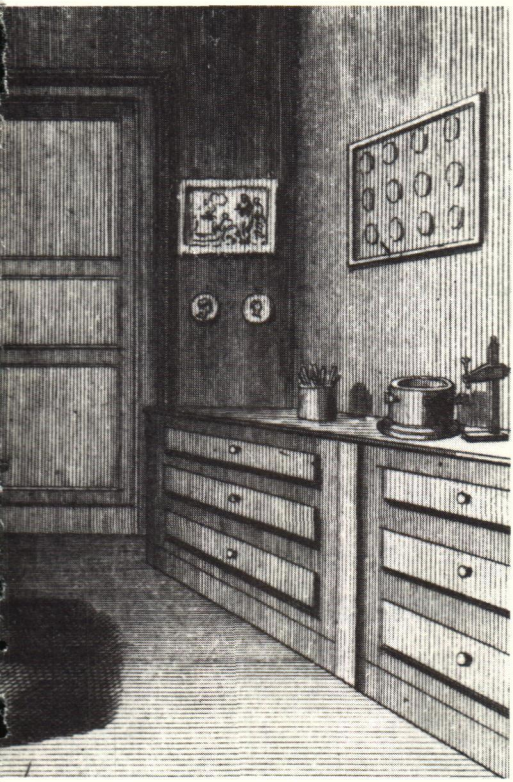
Hippolyte's eyes, the events as they transpired on the evening of March 21, 1700, the day before Castaing was arrested.



It probably was a typically lovely spring day in Paris. Castaing's workshop and the family living quarters occupied two floors of a house owned by Sieur Maigret, one of two guard judges at the mint. Enough to say for now that Maigret himself lived in a larger house across the courtyard, taking for himself a third floor apartment while renting the two lower floors to a gilt dealer, even though this practice was prohibited by a law forbidding officers of the mint to rent to strangers any lodgings assigned with their positions.

This evening, as every evening, the cashiers from the *Bureau du Change*[2] arrived at the Castaings' with gold and silver coins turned in by bankers, merchants and tradesmen for reformation. From Dubois, Castaing's clerk, they received receipts only, not new coins—a point Madame Castaing would have everyone keep in mind. The bags of coins were weighed against 200 ecus. If a dispute should ever arise (the Bureau du Change cashiers also issued receipts for the contents), the coins in the bag could be hand-counted.

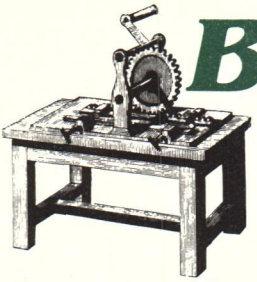
It just so happened on this night that Madame Castaing was at the weighing scales, for, as she advised the court, like any good wife she assisted her husband whenever necessary, and "despite the frailty" of her sex, took much trouble to accomplish the work with all possible accuracy and fairness. Not only did she have to weigh in the bags of "small change" submitted by the bankers and tradesmen, but also the large cash boxes turned in to



the public cashiers by the royal treasury and customs agents.

Castaing's men annealed the coins until they turned red, washed them and passed them through the depletion gilding process in big copper kettles containing chemicals. The coins were then placed in copper sieves and toweled dry. The workmen carried the cleaned coins through four courtyards to the machine room, where, under Castaing's supervision, they were edge-marked.

Normally, minters would have gone to the machine room the next morning and picked up a certain amount of old reprocessed coins for minting—after signing Castaing's register to show they had received them, of course. The reformed coins, ready for circulation, would be returned to the Bureau du Change cashiers or, in the case of the royal monies, to Sieur Arnaud, manager of the treasury, who would record that Castaing had returned the same number of coins with which he had been charged.



But on the morning of March 22 disaster struck. Without formal charges, Jean Castaing was arrested "against all reason, justice or circumstance." The process server, together with the police and other authorities, returned to the Castaing residence that evening and conducted a thorough search of the apartment, confiscating the keys and all the household furnishings. The family and servants were locked out and, to Madame Castaing's humiliation, she was ordered to appear in court like a "common criminal," not to mention that the summons was announced by the town crier and publicly posted!

Homeless, humiliated, wrongly accused and, if we may resort to a cliché, "mad as a wet hen," Madame Castaing did not resort to tears and hand-wringing. Declaring herself a plaintiff, she set down in bold hand a petition against the wrongdoers, whom she identified as Fournier, Maigret and Bourgoing. However, the suit was against Fournier alone, "a slanderer, an imposter and an ignorant in money matters."

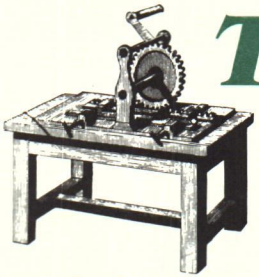
The conspiracy, she charged, took place in Maigret's apartment, "used as a . . . shelter for spies, more commonly called stool pigeons," from where they could watch the goings-on at the Castaings' residence across the courtyard.

But what reasons could Maigret, an officer of the mint, have for wishing harm to Castaing by appearing as a witness for Fournier? Marie Hippolyte Bosch listed them all.

Since the decree of 1693 decreased the amount paid for each reformed coin, the guard judges were receiving less than half their previous earnings. The decrease had cost Maigret and his fellow officers more than £30,000. For this alone Maigret had threatened to bring Castaing "to his end," despite the fact, said Madame Castaing, that the money saved was to the king's benefit. One cannot help but agree with Marie Hippolyte's words addressed to the court: "Posterity will have a hard time believing that, with the whole of the

French treasury having been handled twice by this engineer during both reformations and reaching up to nine hundred and fifty million, he has been able to render such exact and accurate accounts without any losses for the king."

Nor had Maigret been pleased with the timing of a character reference solicited from Castaing, denouncing him as "a sharpie and very ignorant of his duties," which came forth when Maigret was considering marriage.



Then there was the matter of the Castaings' apartment, for which Maigret was paid only £450 a year by the king. Maigret wanted to evict the Castaings in order to raise the rent. At the same time, though it was illegal, Maigret was renting two floors of his big house, located on the other side of the press yard, to a gilt dealer for £1,500 annual rent.

In fact, contended Marie, lawsuits should be filed against both mint officers, Maigret and Bourgoing, because they publicly "made change," a practice strictly forbidden to anyone except the cashiers of the Bureau du Change. These same officers, of course, had testified against Madame Castaing for the same offense, and the irate lady went to great lengths to enlighten the court that because the system exchanged only receipts for coins, she could not possibly be guilty of the crime.

Furthermore, the two officers should themselves be tried for yet another crime. They alone held the key to the coffer containing rejected coins intended for melting. By withholding Castaing's key they were able to supervise the melting unwitnessed, allowing them the opportunity to substitute ingots of "low title," meaning the ingots did not entirely contain coinage. The coins they held back, she charged, were kept for their own profit.

On the other hand, Castaing was accused of having a key to the mint workshop, though his wife pointed out that

French ecu of 1691. The edge lettering reads DOMINE SALVUM FAC REGEM.
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any objection to this was ridiculous, since it was necessary to pass through the mint workshop to get to the room with the edge-marking machines. Besides, she continued, "the minting presses are always locked up at night by the minters' boards and padlock, so it is impossible to use them."

But the police had discovered a forge in the Castaing apartment, as well as a machine with which one person could mint coins "without making any noise." What of those?

Madame Castaing referred to the terms of the contract stipulating that Castaing be provided a place in the mint to build his coin-marking machines. How could he possibly do that without a forge to forge and temper the steel dies? As for the minting machine, it was one of three built by the younger Castaing for minting lairds, but because it marked the blanks poorly and gave them an oval shape, it was not approved. The 18-foot beam equipped with steel bars for the engraving had been burned.

Marie Hippolyte went on to describe the other two machines invented by her

nephew. The second, a balancier, was in the yard and clearly visible from Maigret's apartment, but it was owned by Sieur de la Guerre, the conversion manager, who purchased it for minting sols.

The third machine, she said, was a press similar to the second one, the difference being that two minters could work at one time, facing one another. For this invention the younger Castaing had received £2,500 on the king's orders, and even now was employed as the king's engineer at Calais. After this machine had been tested, the key to the yard where the press was located was taken by the president of the mint, Monsieur Hourlier. For a time Sieur de la Guerre, supervisor of the cannons-into-coins conversion, used the yard for washing coins, but all the fittings had been removed from the press, and the general prosecutor had commissioned a cover built to preserve it.

"It is ridiculous to try to charge the plaintiff's husband with a crime concerning these minting machines since he had nothing to do with them," asserted Madame Castaing. "The first machine was built by his nephew in his room . . . in Rochefort; the second one was sold; and for the third one young Castaing received a reward."

It is possible that Castaing's wife revealed a state secret in explaining why her husband had several coin marking punches in his possession. The punches were devised by King Louis, she told the court, and the markings, "imagined at random," were to be used to mark money for use in a besieged city, if that ever became necessary.

Secret or not, the enraged woman scathingly denounced Maigret in the telling of it. "Great doings for a man who has the honor to be an officer of the mint and who is coward enough after being invited into the minister's office to declare that he has seen marking punches without telling that they were not punches to mark any kind of coins, but that they were only marking punches imagined at random, on the king's order, to be used in a stronghold eventually besieged by the enemy."

But there still was the matter of 1,385 gold Louis blanks that Castaing had edge-marked and delayed in sending on to the minters, as well as the fact that 13 of the pieces had been stolen.

After reminding the court that the blanks were recorded against her husband's account, Marie Hippolyte told how Castaing had attempted to deliver the pieces, but the minters had refused to accept them until the new engraving block they ordered had been received. With more than a hint of sarcasm she asked, "He was wrong not to leave them in the machine room to be stolen during the night, following the minters' refusal to take care of them because they did not have the engraving blocks?"

The record would show in what manner the *breve* of blanks was turned over to the minters, except for the 13 stolen by Castaing's servant, one Bacherot, who had been apprehended and imprisoned.

In their depositions, the two guard judges had accused Castaing of falsifying and reforming Flemish 10-sol gold coins and other foreign money with the French engraving. Again the clever Marie Hippolyte turned the tables on the accusers. If this were true, she asked, why did the guard judges' accounts not show the receipt of the foreign coins at the time they were collected? And if Castaing did possess such coins, where were they? "Where is the *corpus delecti*?" she demanded to know.

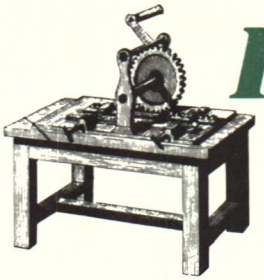
In defending herself, Madame Castaing proved as able an investigator as she was a jurist. The plotters had charged that the scales she used were not accurate, and to prove their case had located a man named Cossin who claimed that in 1693, seven years earlier, she had shortchanged him by £80, proving the scales and weights were not true. His testimony was seconded by a priest, a Sieur Bruneau, who said he was there at the time in the company of Cossin.

First of all, said Marie Hippolyte, she herself had confronted the two men, and they admitted they didn't know her, nor did she know them. "Therefore their depositions do not deserve any considera-

tion . . . " she concluded. As for Bruneau, she said, he "has talked only on hearsay, saying Cossin complained he was short of £80." Bruneau was "one of Judge Guard Maigret's fabrications!" charged Madame Castaing, never one for mincing words.

At the time of the alleged shortchanging, she contended, Cossin was 72 years old. "If he counted this part of £200 himself, he could easily have made a mistake considering his advanced age," she argued. If he trusted others, they could have robbed him, but no matter—he should have reported the shortage at the time. To sum it up: "If after seven years Cossin still does not want to start a lawsuit, his testimony as a witness has little validity."

To substantiate her argument, Madame Castaing pointed out that the scales she used were the same scales used by Masselin and that neither the change clerks nor the city cashiers had ever complained of short weights.



It is unfortunate that by only summarizing Marie Hippolyte Bosch's arguments we sacrifice the forcefulness of much of her presentation, as well as the castigation she meted to her husband's enemies. Without once compromising her ladylike behavior, she "told it like it was." Doubtless, the accusers' dignity suffered greatly at the expense of her public tongue-lashing.

For his part, the chief accuser, Fournier, suffered much more than loss of his dignity, for when the lady was done with her diatribe she asked the lords of the court to not only exonerate her husband and herself, but also to force the accuser and slanderer to apologize to her husband and pay all damages up to £10,000. In addition, she asked for all information of Fournier's associates and conspirators so that she might, "according to her wish," make them individually responsible for all the incurred damages.

The wife of Jean Castaing won her suit, but not immediately. It was two years before the Council of State ordered Fournier's lawsuit dropped, after which the mint court released Castaing from prison. Fournier was compelled to pay the Castaings £6,000 damages and was assessed three-fourths of the trial expenses.

So Jean Castaing was vindicated at last. He owed his freedom to the persistence of his wife, the formidable Marie Hippolyte. And to her, also, we owe our best eyewitness account of Castaing's coin edge-marking machine and the tribulations of its perfector.

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The position of clerk at the Bureau du Change was very much pursued and respected. A clerk had an assigned route along which he collected the bags of old money and delivered the new coins. In later years the exchange of money was made through the banks, as it is today.

Many times in her petition, Castaing's wife denies "having made the change," for which neither she nor Castaing and his clerks were qualified. When receiving old coins for reformation, she always gave receipts, which later could be exchanged for new coins at the Bureau du Change. According to the petition, the fact that only the Bureau was allowed to exchange money directly was very important.

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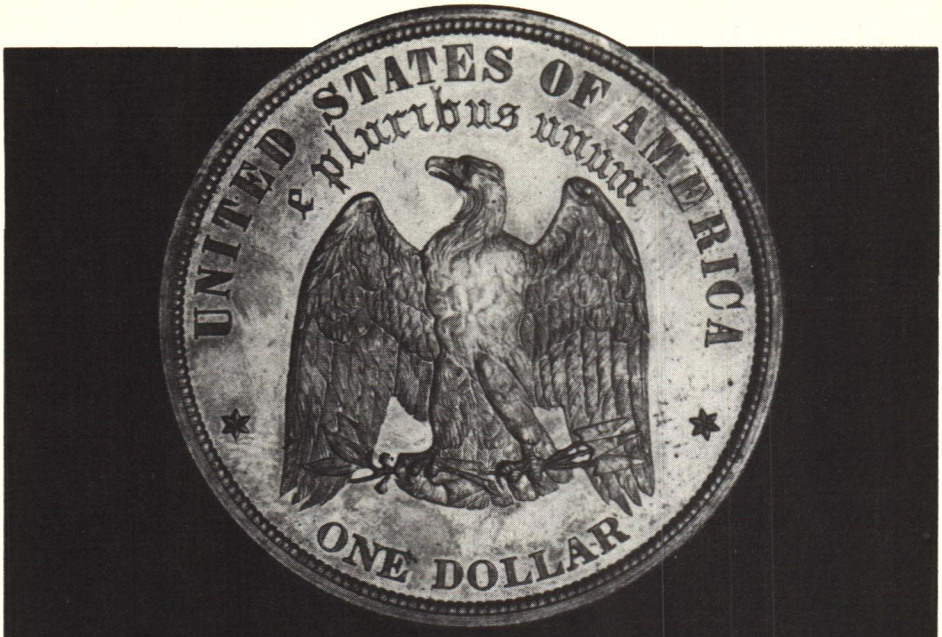

The Eagle on U.S. Coinage

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"The eagle is not a very expressive or apt appellation for the largest gold piece, but nothing better appears. The devices of the coins are far from being matters of indifference, as they may be made the vehicles of useful impressions. They ought therefore to be emblematical, but without losing sight of simplicity. The fewer sharp points and angles there are, the less will be lost by wearing."[1]

Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton made this statement concerning the representation of the eagle on U.S. coinage to the House of Representatives in 1791. It seems ironic that he suggested the majestic and powerful eagle be shown on our coins only for practical reasons.

For nearly two centuries U.S. coinage has depicted the eagle in various positions and styles. By looking at several major periods of American coinage one can analyze the development of the eagle from an aesthetic point of view.

Legislators made several arguments against the eagle as a national symbol. Benjamin Franklin favored the more native turkey. A southern representative considered the "King of Birds" too royal for a country that just had rejected the British monarchy. One leader suggested a goose would be "humble and republican enough, while the goslings would serve for the subsidiary pieces."[2] Nevertheless, Congress adopted the eagle as the national

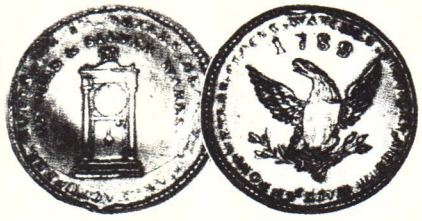
symbol in 1782 and eventually required its appearance on the reverse of all large-denomination regular-issue gold and silver coins.

The famous heraldic spread-eagle design used on numerous U.S. issues up through the Kennedy half dollar can be traced to America's struggle for independence. For example, a medal designed by French artist Augustin Dupre was struck in Paris and given to nations that had aided the Colonies in the Revolutionary War. An important but forgotten link in the development of the United States' heraldic coat-of-arms was a series of Indian peace medals designed by Joseph Richardson for George Washington.[3] Charles Thompson and William Barton designed the official "Great Seal," which Congress approved on June 20, 1782. The design immediately became so popular that it decorated all sorts of furniture, kitchenware and souvenir items.

Early U.S. coinage proved the eagle difficult to portray on regular Colonial issues of the time. The half disme of 1792 and the silver dollar of 1794-95 feature winged creatures that hardly resemble eagles. The eagle on coinage of 1795-98 is slightly improved and similar to traditional shop signs and other ornaments of the day.[4] The silver dollar of 1798-1803 utilizes the Great Seal, but the eagle's head faces the same direction as the pointed arrows in its talons, interpreted by some as a country looking toward war instead of the olive branches of peace.

The half dollar introduced in 1807 depicts an eagle in a half-heraldic, half-natural position. This design, known as the "sandwich board" eagle, was adapted from the British Mott token of 1789,

The 1792 disme bears a winged creature that hardly resembles an eagle.



Forerunner of the American heraldic eagle design, the Mott token of 1789 was issued by the firm of William and John Mott, located at the time at 240 Water Street, New York City.

which was made for U.S. jewelers and dealers of precision watches and clocks[5] and continued to be used, with little variation, on the reverse of regular-issue large silver coins until 1892. Thus, the two major eagle designs of 19th-century American coinage—the heraldic eagle and the sandwich-board eagle—have 18th-century European origins.

The symbolic heraldic eagle dominated U.S. coinage without opposition until 1836, when the natural eagle gained support. The natural eagle influenced the short period of the Gobrecht dollar and the Flying Eagle cent, but more traditional styles reigned until Theodore Roosevelt brought his numismatic interests to the White House.

Theodore Spicer-Simson introduced another style termed "eagle impressionism." He argued that actions and expressions of the eagle were more important than the details that concerned the naturalists, such as the number of tail feathers.[6]

In 1836 the new director of the Mint, Robert Patterson, favored the natural eagle and began plans to redesign U.S. coinage. He considered an eagle with a shield on its breast an absurd design, and he rejected the traditional olive branches and arrows.[7] Titian Peale, an artist from a wealthy Philadelphia family, studied a flying eagle design by Christian Gobrecht and employed a live eagle, "Peter the Mint Bird," as a model for a proposed reverse.[8] Peter adopted the Mint as his home and freely flew about until mortally injured one day by a moving flywheel. The bird was stuffed and exhibited by the Mint at

Christian Gobrecht's flying eagle, which first appeared on the 1836 dollar, was modeled after a design by Titian Peale.

the 1892 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Amazingly, the Mint readopted the more conservative sandwich-board eagle for regular issues, making the Peale-Gobrecht dollar, with its powerful yet graceful soaring eagle, the first and last truly natural eagle of the 19th century.[9]

James B. Longacre, chief engraver of the Mint from 1844-69, brought with him a period of unimaginative coinage design. He revived the Peale-Gobrecht design for the cent for a short period of time, but the new cent was too small to capture the flying eagle. Longacre made a few eagle sketches of his own. However, true to his reputation, he followed a facsimile of an old design, and for the new Double Eagle designed an elaborately decorated variation of the heraldic eagle.

In the early 1870s the Mint called upon William Barber to design the newly authorized "commercial dollar," which was intended for trade in the Orient. The end result was almost a mirror image of the old sandwich-board eagle without the shield, a similar version of which was used on the short-lived and unpopular 20-cent piece. The two coins marked a very small step away from the traditional eagle design.

Following a coin shortage, Seated Liberty silver coins began to circulate again in 1876, meeting with public dissatisfaction. The June 1876 issue of *Galaxy* called the traditional eagle reverse "too natural, too much like a real eagle. In numismatic art, animals have conventional forms, which are far more pleasing and effective than the most careful and exact imitation of nature can be."[10] The Mint reacted by employing William and Charles Barber, Anthony Paquet and the newly hired George Morgan to design an unprecedented series of patterns.[11] How ironic it is that with our current endless series of

The unpopular 20-cent piece, issued from 1875-78, carried on the reverse a standing eagle created by William Barber.

unoriginal coins depicting Presidents, the public would be displeased with the Seated Liberty design. Amazingly, the Mint reacted immediately to public opinion.

Competition arose between William Barber and George Morgan, with supporters divided between opposing designs submitted by the two. One observer called Morgan's design, which is similar to a painting by Quaker Benjamin West[12] titled "Love Conquers All" (*circa* 1839),

Designed by George Morgan, a defiant eagle standing on a broad scroll with olive branches to the left and arrows to the right appears on an 1877 pattern half dollar, a design never used for regular issues. More patterns were created in 1877 than in any other year, including rare half dollar designs by Anthony Paquet, William Barber and George Morgan.

a "turkey."[13] Perhaps Benjamin Franklin would have approved of the Morgan dollar! Another meticulous observer noticed early that Morgan's eagle had 8 tail feathers rather than the odd number of feathers considered more accurate by ornithologists. In its haste to coin the new dollar, the Mint produced a 7-over-8 tail variety. Models of Peter the Eagle did not satisfy Morgan; his final design is slightly more natural than the shielded eagles and Barber's trade-dollar eagle.[14]

The trend toward the natural eagle in the latter part of the 19th century came to an abrupt halt with the coinage series of 1892, designed by Charles Barber. Barber adapted Dupre's diplomatic medal design for the heraldic reverse of the quarter and half dollar.[15]

Theodore Roosevelt brought an unprecedented enthusiasm for numismatics to Washington early in the 20th century. Eager to revive the art of ancient Greek coinage, he called on his friend Augustus Saint-Gaudens to design a new series of coins. Saint-Gaudens created more than 70 eagle sketches and several standing-eagle models. He adapted his standing-eagle design from his monument to Robert Shaw and from his Roosevelt inauguration medal. Gobrecht's flying-eagle design inspired Saint-Gaudens' flying eagle.[16]

Initial production of Saint-Gaudens' Double Eagle experienced striking problems because of the design's unusually high relief. When the relief had to be reduced, Saint-Gaudens suggested that his standing eagle design be substituted for the flying eagle on the 20-dollar piece,[17] and ultimately the 10-dollar coin also depicted the standing eagle. Saint-Gaudens opened a door to new, daring, naturalistic eagle representations in the years that followed.

The Weinman/MacNeil coinage of 1916 continued the flying eagle's momentum. The quarter dollar designed by Hermon A. MacNeil features a flying eagle in the tradition of Gobrecht and Saint-Gaudens, although the coin is a bit too small to fully capture the eagle in flight. Adolph Weinman's standing-eagle design and the feather detail was inspired by his former mentor, Saint-Gaudens.[18]

At the end of World War I Anthony DeFrancisci engraved an eagle that completed the natural-eagle trend on U.S. coinage. DeFrancisci's design may have been influenced by a series of 17 impressionistic eagles created by an unknown Italian artist *circa* 1525,[19] and some debate occurred about whether a broken sword in the original design symbolized disarmament or defeat. Consequently, the powerful and majestic eagle's talons were

George Morgan designed an eagle with raised wings and holding an olive branch and arrows that was used on the dollar from 1878 until the introduction of the Peace dollar in 1921.

William Barber designed an erect eagle, with raised wings and holding an olive branch in the right talon and three arrows in the left, for the coinage of 1878, but George Morgan's pattern was chosen for the regular issue.

left empty, as if at rest after war.[20] DeFrancisci's Peace dollar marked the end of the natural eagle on American coinage. Perhaps future engravers were too intimidated by the previous magnificent naturalistic designs to try to match them.[21]

Contemporary U.S. coinage seems to lack imagination and original eagle creations. John Flanigan resorted to a heraldic variation to replace MacNeil's flying eagle. The Franklin half dollar depicts a minute heraldic eagle, overwhelmed by the Liberty Bell, simply because law requires an eagle to appear on all large-denomination silver and gold coins. The hastily designed Kennedy half dollar bears a true heraldic eagle with 50 stars, copied from the presidential seal. The Eisenhower and Susan B. Anthony dollars earned little respect for their direct copy of the Apollo 11 patch, although the eagle is depicted in natural pose.

The eagle motif has been tossed back and forth between different styles and ideals for almost two centuries. Following early design attempts, the sandwichboard design emerged and dominated most of the 1800s. Peale and Gobrecht fathered the natural eagle through their flying-eagle designs, but pragmatists in favor of the heraldic design were victorious in the long run. The Barber trade

In 1882 George Morgan designed patterns for the quarter-, half- and one-dollar pieces that were never used for regular issues.

Augustus Saint-Gaudens, considered by many to be the greatest modern sculptor, designed the standing eagle used on $10 pieces and the flying eagle used on $20 pieces, 1907-33.

Hermon MacNeil's Standing Liberty quarter dollar of 1916-30 features a flying eagle on the reverse.

dollar and the Morgan dollar designs varied little from the traditional eagle concept, but the coinage of Charles Barber reversed the trend. Theodore Roosevelt and Augustus Saint-Gaudens breathed new life into the natural eagle and opened the door to Weinman's open-winged standing eagle, MacNeil's flying eagle and DeFrancisci's resting eagle. Considering our current coinage has returned to the traditional, frozen heraldic eagle, perhaps now is the time to bring back the glorious and powerful natural eagle to U.S. coinage.

A.A. Weinman's Walking Liberty half dollar of 1916-47 carries a standing eagle with raised wings.

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Figure 1: *At first glance, an original Bank of England 10-pound note (top) is virtually indistinguishable from a counterfeit "Operation Bernhard" note.*

the note is a counterfeit, say goodbye to your note!"

Counterfeiting adversaries' securities has long been an accepted tactic of war. For example, the British produced great quantities of counterfeit Continental Currency during the American Revolution, and in the American Civil War counterfeiting posed a major threat to the Confederate cause. If you think such practices are ancient history, remember that as recently as World War II the United States ac-

The counterfeiters went to great pains to produce a high-quality product.

tively counterfeited Japanese invasion money for use in the Pacific theater of the war. However, all these efforts pale in comparison to Operation Bernhard.

In 1940 Alfred Naujocks of the Reichssicherheitshauptamt (or RSHA, of which the Gestapo was a subunit) made a modest attempt at counterfeiting Bank of England notes. His scheme bore the rather bland name of "Production A." However, shortly thereafter Bernhard Kruger, whose RSHA section had already proven its skill in counterfeiting passports and other documents, took over the operation.[1]

From 1942-45 the scale of the operation—which became known as "Operation Bernhard"—expanded drastically. The Nazis conceived a brilliant plan that used the talents of a skilled, yet untapped, labor force: concentration camp inmates. To this end, nearly 300 inmates were gathered together and placed under extremely strict security in the Sachsenhausen camp near Berlin. Indeed, these inmates lived in a camp within a camp, completely isolated from their fellow prisoners—an arrangement that ultimately saved their lives!

The notes most often copied were 5-, 10-, 20- and 50-pound denominations, but some 100-, 500- and 1,000-pound notes also were counterfeited, although none have been reported in private collections. Keep in mind that a British pound was worth just about $5 in U.S. currency during World War II. The total face value of the counterfeit notes has been estimated variously, with one source hypothesizing that "300 million pounds were printed, of which 125 million pounds were passable notes,"[2] while another contends that 134,609,945 pounds were printed from December 1942 to February 1945: 3,945,867 5-pound notes, 2,398,981 10-pound notes, 1,337,325 20-pound notes and 1,282,886 50-pound notes.[3] A third source reports "8,965,080 5-, 10-, 20- and 50-pound notes with a face value of 134,610,810 pounds (US$645,131,888)."[4] The last two estimates differ by just 21 notes and could have come from the same source.

The counterfeiters went to great pains to produce a high-quality product. For example, in his book *Hitler's Spies: German Military Intelligence in World War II*, David Kahn says:

> The color of their English Pound notes was not quite right. He [Dr. Albert Langer, Austrian physicist and mathematician] concluded that the water used in the paper and printing had something to do with it. The English money was printed in Hull. He ascertained the chemical composition of the water there, duplicated it—and had the satisfaction of seeing his counterfeit color match the original exactly.

Anthony Pirie, in his book *Operation Bernhard*, discusses the production of the plates:

Figure 2: *Detail of the seal of Brittania. Note the differences in shading between the genuine note (left) and the counterfeit note.*

In the summer of 1940, while the Wehrmacht overran Belgium and the Netherlands, failed to trap the British at Dunkirk and swept deep into France, Naujocks's engravers finally conquered "Bloody Britannia." After seven months' persistent effort, they produced a plate which, when enlarged ten times, matched the original detail for detail. Even a twenty-fold enlargement revealed no difference. Naujocks paid the engraver a huge bonus, and set his team to produce several plates.

Recently reprinted in Denmark is a previously-secret report from the Czechoslovak Ministry of the Interior dated 1945 and entitled *Report on Forgery in Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp*. In it we learn that

> printed sheets were taken into the workshop for tearing and classification. The head of the tearing department was Dr. Kaufmann and of the classification department, Ing. Skala. The printed counterfeits were entered in the index, after which each sheet, which contained four counterfeits, was torn with the help of rulers. The counterfeits were then put into packets of 1,000 pieces and then put into a press and the border cut away by rasps prepared so as to have the characteristics of hand-made paper [a known technique of forgers of English bank notes]. After that, the printed counterfeits were ready for classification.
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> The classification department was situated in the same room as the department for tearing. Each prisoner allocated to this work had a transparent electric apparatus; he put each counterfeit into this apparatus and examined it carefully, comparing it with a real bank-note. The prisoners were all properly instructed about the secret marks of English bank notes, about the marks and flaws of the watermark and the means of obtaining the best results from the book-print. They were personally responsible for accurate work.

Other fine touches have been reported, including use of soiled or oiled linen to duplicate the linen used in making paper for Bank of England notes; simulating the passage of time by excessively handling the notes before they entered circulation; and use of the Bank of England's actual serial number algorithm. During the early stages of "Production A," the notes actually were "tested" in Switzerland, where they proved so convincing that a bank certified their validity.[5]

As mentioned in *The Report on Forgery in Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp*, the counterfeit notes were carefully inspected and classified. Depending on their intended use, the notes were divided into four categories: some feel the first and highest classification was reserved for military attachés of the Reich; the second grade for secret agents working for the RSHA; the third for airlifting to Britain; and the fourth was comprised of "junk."[6] Dr. J.H. Sachis postulates that the best notes were used in neutral countries and by German spies working within enemy lines, while the second grade was used to pay off collaborators in occupied countries.[7]

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However, these disagreements about the various uses of the notes are not the issue. What is important is understanding the difficult task of distinguishing between counterfeit and genuine notes. Differences between the two could be minimal if the counterfeit is from the first category or substantial if it belongs to the third or fourth.

In an effort to offer some clues, we present here a comparison of a counterfeit 10-pound note and a genuine 10-pound note. Although we fully appreciate that we are dealing with only two notes and their diagnostics might not apply to other specimens, it is nevertheless a useful comparison.

Figure 1 shows the two notes side-by-side. The similarity is indeed striking. Can you spot the differences between the notes? If so, which one is genuine?

Figure 3: *Detail of the watermark in the lower right portion of the note. The N in ENG on the counterfeit note (bottom) is slightly askew.*

Figure 2 features enlarged details of the genuine and counterfeit notes. Overall, the differences between the two are more obvious, particularly if one considers the nature of the shading on the beehive. The shading on the original note is correct, that is, if one imagines a source of light on the left creating a shadow on the right side of the hive. On the other hand, the beehive on the counterfeit, though more finely engraved, lacks the proper shading. Now look carefully at the folds in Britannia's garment. On the genuine issue, the image again is illuminated from the left, whereas the shading on the counterfeit is less defined and ambiguous. Unlike the garment on the genuine note, the folds on the counterfeit issue lack dimension and detail.

Figure 3 shows closeups of part of the watermark, which appears on the bottom right of each note. It is our observation that the letters in the watermark on the authentic specimen connect in a more uniform fashion

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than those of the counterfeit. Look at the ENG on each note. These letters are out of kilter on the counterfeit, the N seemingly misaligned.

Figures 4 and 5 offer details of the denomination and the ornate BANK OF ENGLAND legend. Comparison shows that the counterfeit is somewhat sloppier than the original, particularly the dots highlighted in Figure 4 and the execution of the scrollwork in the legend shown in Figure 5. In the final analysis, the genuine product is superior to the counterfeit, even though the differences between the two are slight.

Armed with this knowledge, you might be able to differentiate between Operation Bernhard notes and genuine Bank of England notes. However, the Bernhard counterfeits were not likely to be recognized by shopkeepers or bank clerks, and as such were considered sufficiently dangerous to cause the Bank of England to remove denominations of 10 pounds and higher from circulation in April 1943, followed later by 5-pound notes. Eventually, all such notes lost their legal-tender status, although even today the Bank of England still accepts genuine notes in exchange for legal-tender notes.

The counterfeits had rather exotic uses during and after the war. Spies were provided this currency to finance their operations and sometimes were paid for their services with the same. Cicero, the spy who provided the Nazis with valuable information gained while he served as an aid to the British ambassador to Turkey, was paid some 300,000 pounds in counterfeit bills!

The fake notes were used to buy gold and pay for shipments of arms from the partisans, and even funded Naujocks' rescue of Mussolini after his capture in 1943.[8] Gestapo official

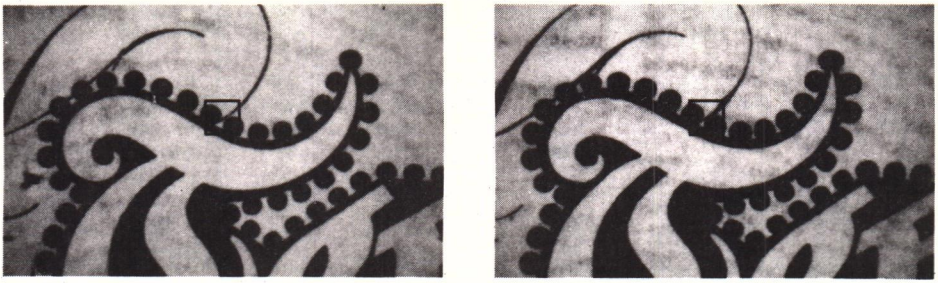

Figure 4: *Detail of the ornamental TEN that appears in the lower left corner. The dots vary only slightly on the counterfeit (right).*

Kaltenbrunner envisioned using Bernhard pounds to meet the huge cost of establishing part of Austria as the unvanquished heart of the Reich.[9] Even after the war, the notes continued to circulate and in some countries were a highly desired currency. Decades later, this money reportedly still circulated in some parts of Europe.

Shortly before the end of the war, the "company" of Barracks 18 and 19 was transferred from Sachsenhausen to Mauthausen in Austria, and then to a subcamp at Ebensee. Just when these men were about to be executed, they were rescued by American forces.

Today, the Bernhard counterfeits are more available than many dealers and collectors realize. Prices for individual notes vary from $50, offered by dealers who may be unaware of their availability, to $10-$15 in Europe. The notes also can be purchased at auction for similar prices.[10]

Schwan and Boling's *World War II Currency* lists the notes as follows:

DENOMINATION	VERY FINE	EXTRA FINE
5 pounds	$25.00	$40.00
10 pounds	25.00	40.00
20 pounds	50.00	80.00
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These prices, however, may be a bit high. Original notes command a larger premium than counterfeits, and care must be taken to do business with people who can tell the difference between the two, preferably highly respected English dealers. More has been written about the Bernhard counterfeits than any other currency of the Holocaust, yet there remains the fundamental question: how do you tell the originals from the fakes? We hope this work is a step toward solving the mystery.

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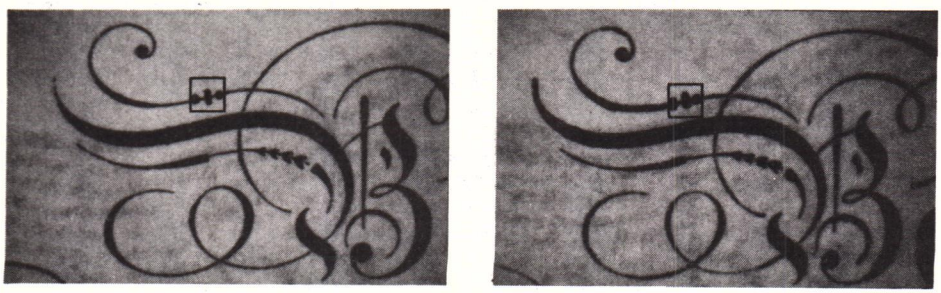

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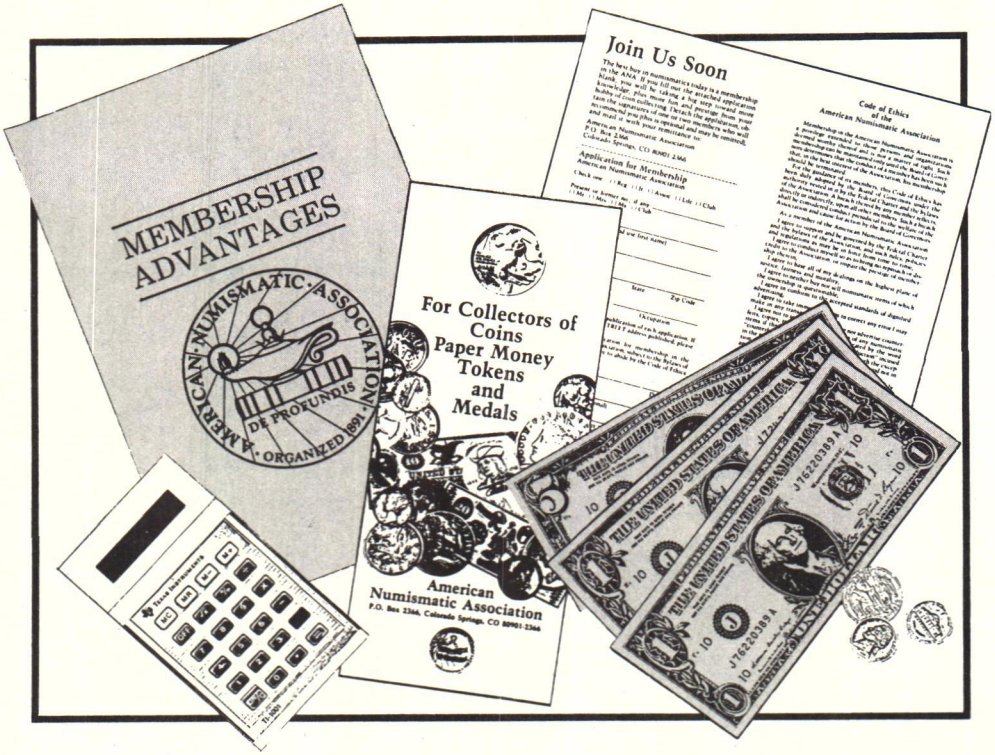


Each year as you send your membership renewal check to the American Numismatic Association, do you perhaps pause longingly over the thought of ANA life membership? It carries with it such an aura of permanence and prestige, yet it *is* expensive. It's so much easier just to pay $21 for another year and delay the life-membership decision until you're in better shape financially.

But is this really a good idea? Maybe you'd save more money in the long run by making the big commitment. The following calculations are designed to help you decide if taking the life-membership step makes sense.

The basic concept is known as present worth (or present value) analysis. You can choose between a one-time payment of $350 for life membership, or a string of $21-per-year payments from now until you're, well, through collecting. Let's assume for now that the average collector's life span is 70 years.

We need to calculate what it takes for the present worth of a string of payments of $21 to equal $350. That's easy, you say—just divide 350 by 21 to determine a break-even point of 16.6 years. It's really not that simple, though, because a dollar ten years from now will not be worth the same as a dollar today. Today's dollars accrue interest and after a few years will be worth much more than they are presently.

That's the basic premise. A dollar next year is worth less than a dollar today, but

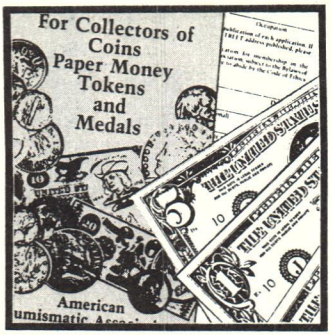
more than a dollar two years from now. The difference in their values depends on the interest rate. A high interest rate makes future dollars less and less valuable, and the lower value of these future dollars means that it will actually take longer than 16.6 years to break even.

Advanced equations allow the calculation of present worth, but because they are a bit complicated they are not presented here. Understanding the equations, however, isn't critical to appreciating the meaning of the results.

First we must assume two conditions, then calculate the third. Let's start off by assuming that regular-membership payments are $21 per year, and that their present worth must, over time, equal $350. The third condition will be the interest rate earned by money invested in life membership, which we will calculate for collectors who are 0, 15, 25, 35, 45 and 50 years of age. Figures for a collector 0 years old have been included to determine if it makes sense to start a junior early with life membership.

The rate column in Table 1 outlines the results of our calculations, and things don't look so good. The interest rate ranges from a skimpy 5.9 percent for a newborn to a loss of 1.3 percent per year for a collector of age 55. Interest rates are lower for older collectors, of course, because they have fewer years to pay back the original investment of $350.

If the estimate of a 70-year lifetime seems low, that's easy to allow for. If you think you'll live ten more years, until you're 80, the interest rate corresponding with the age in Table 1 closest to ten years younger than your present age will be correct. If you live a fast life and think you won't make it past 50, add 20 years to your current age, then look it up.



It's easy to find fault with this analysis, though. For one, with normal inflation it's not realistic to expect ANA dues to remain steady at $21 per year. Dues will go up just like everything else. For that reason, Table 1 includes one column that reports annual interest rates if dues are increased an average of 3 percent per year, and another column that allows an annual dues increase of 6 percent.

This changes the whole picture. With a modest dues increase of 3 percent per year, the life-membership interest rate can start as high as 9.1 percent. A slightly higher increase of 6 percent per year allows an interest rate exceeding 10 percent for collectors younger than 43. With this in mind, life membership begins to look like an astute business move.

There are several important things to note about the figures presented in Table 1. First, interest rates are fairly respectable in a collector's early years but really take a plunge starting at about age

TABLE 1
Interest Earned by Purchasing Life Membership
(percent per year)

AGE	RATE	RATE DUES INCREASE 3% PER YEAR	RATE DUES INCREASE 6% PER YEAR
0	5.9	9.1	12.3
15	5.7	8.9	12.0
25	5.5	8.7	11.8
35	4.9	8.0	11.2
45	3.4	6.5	9.6
55	−1.3	1.7	4.6

TABLE 2
Effect of Added Benefit on Interest Rate

AGE	Added Benefit $5/yr.		Added Benefit $50/yr.	
	RATE	RATE WITH 3%/YR. INCREASE	RATE	RATE WITH 3%/YR. INCREASE
15	7.3	10.5	20.3	23.9
25	7.1	10.3	20.3	23.9
35	6.7	9.9	20.2	23.8
45	5.5	8.7	20.1	23.7
55	1.4	4.4	18.8	22.4

45. Second, it seems that the rates don't drop appreciably for collectors between the ages of 0 and 25—in other words, it's a good idea to see if junior's going to enjoy coin collecting before investing in a life membership, since there's very little penalty in waiting awhile.

Again, though, this analysis isn't complete. Trying to put everything in monetary terms isn't really appropriate, because holding life membership also affords one a feeling of prestige, of being among the few in the hobby who've made such a commitment. At the very least, it means never having to worry about sending in a yearly check, or even paying for the stamp.

Although this is true, if we don't try to put all of the advantages of life membership in monetary terms, we won't be able to calculate the overall benefit. Table 2 attempts to address this issue.

Let's say you're an average collector who finds the thought of life membership somewhat appealing. How much is that membership worth to you, say, for the convenience, or for offhandedly mentioning your number to fellow collectors, or for a possible benefit when buying and trading coins through the mail?

Perhaps you would value the non-tangible benefits of life membership at $5 per year. The second column of Table 2 shows how this affects the annual return on your investment. By paying $350 now, you avoid paying $21 per year in the future, and obtain a total benefit of $26 per year (including the $5 non-tangible value you've placed on your membership). The resulting interest rates on your investment, ranging from 1.4 percent to 7.3 percent annually, are still somewhat low but a far sight better than those reflected in the rate column of Table 1.

If we also allow for an annual dues increase of 3 percent, as seen in column three, the return on your investment is even better, making life membership a very attractive option for collectors age 45 or older.

Continuing this line of thought, let's say you're a small dealer or are thinking about going into business for yourself. Life membership in the ANA should certainly increase your sales/profits, and also make it easier to place effective advertisements. With this in mind, the value you place on the non-tangible benefits of life membership might jump to $50 per year.

Column four of Table 2 reflects the changes in your interest rates using this new figure. When figures for a 3-percent annual inflation rate, which ideally would result in a 3-percent increase in both ANA dues and your income each year, are included in the calculation, the percentage of return on your investment, as seen in column five, is even better.

It is easy to see from these figures that ANA life membership is a clear winner, particularly for dealers. The interest rate on your investment exceeds anything else you're likely to find, and it also remains high for older collectors. Assuming a more-realistic annual inflation rate of 5 percent, a dealer purchasing life membership at age 63 would accrue 12.3 percent per year on his investment—that's amazingly high for someone starting out so late.

Finally, if you've decided to take the plunge and become a life member, there's one more choice to make. You can either pay $350 up front or make a down payment of $60 and pay $25 per month for 12 months, bringing the total cost to $360. Remember, on the installment plan you still have to pay for regular membership until all life-membership payments have been made. Which plan should you choose?

Again, there are other factors. Perhaps you just don't have $350 on hand. Alternately, you may wish to pay for your membership all at once and get it over with. Once again, present worth analysis can help make the decision easier.

Calculating the implied interest rate on a series of installment payments gives us an interest rate of 1.7 percent per month, or 22.4 percent a year! In effect, that means it will cost 22.4-percent interest to float a loan to pay for life membership. Knowing this, you'll probably want to pay the $350 all at once.

It's hard to say if these calculations of monetary benefits are accurate. They could be high or low, depending on your circumstances and how actively you collect. They may not even be relevant for most people, since becoming an ANA life member usually isn't decided by economics alone. But the figures presented here could possibly serve as a useful guide in determining whether life membership is the right move for you.

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The sterling-silver Proof version is limited to a mintage of 5,000; 5,000 Uncirculated coins are available in philatelic-numismatic covers that feature a set of four special stamps franked in the Falklands with the date of the Airport opening. Silver coins sell for US$34.95, covers for $7.95, from the British Royal Mint.

JERSEY

Pound Notes St. Clement

The fourth £1 in a 12-coin series being struck for the Channel Island of Jersey recognizes the smallest of the island's parishes, St. Clement. As with preceding coins in the series (honoring St. Helier, St. Savior and St. Brelade) the St. Clement piece measures 22.5mm, is struck in 22kt-gold and sterling silver, and limited to a mintage of 250 and 2,500, respectively.

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anchor on a blue background—appears on the reverse, while the obverse bears the Machin portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. Available from the British Royal Mint, the gold Proof sells for US$425; the silver Proof, $29.75.

DENMARK

1985 Uncirculated Set Available

Denmark has released its 1985 Uncirculated set of coins, consisting of 5-, 10- and 25-ore and 1-, 5- and 10-krone pieces that measure 15.5mm, 18mm, 23mm, 25.5mm, 33mm and 28mm. All coins are struck in a 75-percent/25-percent copper-nickel alloy, with the exception of the copper-clad steel 5 ores. Queen Margrethe II is depicted on the obverse of the krone pieces, together with the inscription MARGRETHE II DANMARKS DRONNING.

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UNITED STATES

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California artist Marika Somogyi has designed a 44mm Statue of Liberty centennial medal for the nonprofit Judah L. Magnes Memorial Museum. The obverse features the face of Miss Liberty amid sky and clouds, and the reverse shows a tablet inscribed STATUE OF LIBERTY CENTENNIAL 1886-1986. Available in antique bronze (limited to 1,000 pieces), sterling silver (500) and gold-plated sterling silver (250), the serially edge-numbered pieces sell for $16, $50 and $65.

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Daub's design shows Miss Liberty's head and a portion of her shoulder in very high relief on the obverse, depicting "less a rendition of the statue and more that of a woman," according to Alan Stahl, curator of medals at the ANS museum. The reverse features Liberty's torch, the dates 1886 and 1986 and the inscription LIBERTY.

Stahl said the medal is envisioned as the first in a series of ANS issues commemorating major public events. The Society "wants to get back to the position that it held at the beginning of the century, when it issued medals for important events of general public interest, rather than just internal activities."

Preliminary plans call for production this autumn of 1,000 serially numbered specimens of the Statue of Liberty medal—500 in silver and 500 in bronze. Inquiries should be directed to Alan Stahl, American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 155th Streets, New York, NY 10032.

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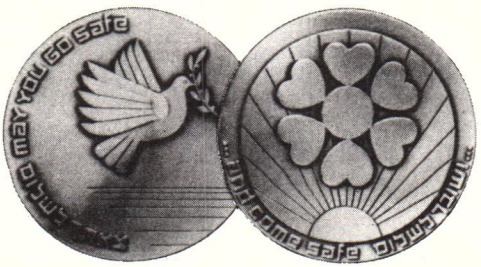
The medal is available in 59mm bronze, 19mm sterling silver in a matching frame, 34mm sterling silver, and 13mm 22kt gold mounted in a 14kt-gold bezel. Prices are $7.50, $23, $24 and $126, respectively. Inquiries and orders should be sent to the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation.



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by Q. David Bowers

Abe Kosoff (1912-1983)

A new book, ABE KOSOFF: DEAN OF NUMISMATICS, by Q. David Bowers, is now in its final stages of preparation and is scheduled for autumn shipment. By means of hundreds of pages of text and many illustrations, the story of one of America's most famous professional numismatists is chronicled in detail.

Abe Kosoff was founder of the Professional Numismatists Guild, was a founder of the American Numismatic Association Certification Service (ANACS), and compiled the book, "Official A.N.A. Grading Standards for U.S. Coins." A rare coin dealer par excellence, he handled many fabulous collections and just about every rarity in the book, including the 1913 Liberty Head nickel, 1804 silver dollar, and 1822 half eagle, to mention just three of many.

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Originated and administered by David R. Cervin, the Roman Coin Project is a program designed for all members of the ANA, enabling them to earn Roman, Byzantine and Greek coins for their activities in numismatics. A total of ten ancient coins can be earned—five Roman coins, four Byzantine coins and one Greek coin. The program is offered free to juniors; a $12 registration fee is required of adult participants. Further information and a Roman Coin Request Form can be obtained by writing to David R. Cervin, 6201 Adirondack, Amarillo, TX 79106.

From Collector to Numismatist

The Roman Coin Project column appearing in the June 1985 issue of *The Numismatist* carried my suggestion for the initiation of a new feature entitled "Where Are They Now?" which would explore the accomplishments of some past RCP participants. George S. Cuhaj of Long Island City, New York, was the first to respond to my call for information, and through his story we can trace the events that transformed him from a young collector to a professional numismatist.

When George was 11 years old and a recently inducted member of the Boy Scouts, his parents gave him a box of foreign coins to use in earning the Scouts' coin collecting merit badge. This sparked an interest in the hobby, and from there George went on to attend area conventions and coin shows, where he became acquainted with a number of adult numismatists, including Vincent and Agnes Alones, Thomas Haney, Ed Quaglina and Larry Gentile. Before long, George became a junior member of the ANA and actively participated in conventions and YN programs.

George was an early trailblazer in the Roman Coin Project, the sixteenth participant to complete the basic portion and the fourth to finish the advanced program. However, George always went the extra mile in completing the requirements to earn his coins. For example, to earn coin #7, junior RCPers must write a 500-word article and have it published in a national or major publication. George authored a 3,000-word study on New York City subway medals and tokens that appeared in *The Numismatist* in January 1978 and earned the Ray Byrne Memorial Literary Award. While writing the article, George made good use of reference materials available at the American Numismatic Society's museum and library, and over a period of time the ANS staff got to know him quite well.

With his subway material published, George turned his attention to a 1902 visit to the United States paid by Prussia's Prince Henry, the first European royalty to officially tour this country. He researched the event and prepared an exhibit for presentation at the 1979 ANA convention in St. Louis, where he was awarded the Burton Saxon Memorial Award for first place in the medals category. The exhibit was expanded in later years and became the basis of an article that appeared in the *TAMS Journal* in 1981.

About this time I approached George with a request to assist me in a research project. I was in the process of revising Albert R. Frey's 1915 study of pre-1500 *Anno Domini*-dated coins and needed someone to establish the number of such pieces housed in the ANS collection. George agreed to my request, and, with the assistance of the ANS and its medieval curator, he came up with a count of 658 pre-1500 coins, comprising the second-largest collection in the world.

Following brief part-time employment in the precious-metals department of Deak-Perera in New York, George was quick to accept a position as photographic services clerk at the American Numismatic Society while continuing his college education. Eight-

een months later he was offered a full-time position working with the ANS' newly installed computer system.

Still employed today by the ANS, George uses the computer to catalog the Society's holdings of coinage, paper money, medals and tokens. Providing full descriptions and published references, these records enable the ANS to produce listings of major portions of the collection for use by scholars and collectors not able to visit the Society's New York City facility.

Since August 1981 more than 242,000 coins have been recorded from the Society's estimated total holdings of 750,000 pieces. George's schedule permits him to work in various departments at the ANS on a rotating basis, thus exposing him to Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Islamic, medieval and modern issues. Indeed, he is becoming a well-rounded numismatist!

George is quick to credit the RCP as the catalyst that started him in his life's vocation. You, too, can become an RCP participant—just write to me for a Roman Coin Request Form!

COINS AND COLLECTORS

Q. DAVID BOWERS

Travel to Here and There

I have been a rider of the coin convention circuit for many years, and my occupation requires that I travel frequently to attend auctions, visit with collectors, give talks about the hobby and so on, so I have had my share of airline and hotel experiences. Happily, the majority of these are remembered with pleasure, but there are some interesting exceptions.

I was reminded of this while on a three-segment flight to a small western town a few months ago. The motivation for my journey was a coin collection, and from a professional viewpoint the trip was successful. However, the air travel involved was another matter entirely. The airline in question (which shall remain nameless) lost my seat reservation, resulting in my being sandwiched in the middle of a three-abreast configuration, though I had reserved an aisle seat earlier. My luggage also was lost, not to arrive until a day after I did, at which time the airline refused to deliver it to my hotel. Then, when I finally picked up my travel bag, it had a large hole punched in the side.

I also recall an incident a number of years ago when I took what must be one of the shortest jet airplane flights scheduled, a hop from Philadelphia to Baltimore, where I was to address the Baltimore Coin Club. As luck would have it, I was casually dressed, for I had been browsing in dusty bookstores earlier in the trip and was saving my "fancy" clothes for later. Well, my luggage was lost and I arrived in Baltimore looking rather scruffy. A trip to a clothing store saved the day, as did some help from George Fuld, who lived in the city at the time. Members of the Baltimore Coin Club weren't at all aware of what had transpired just a few hours before my talk!

While on another flight this past March from New York City to Pittsburgh, a flight attendant became distracted and dumped a container of maple syrup on my leg. Again, I was scheduled for a numismatic appointment, but this time all my luggage was carry-on, so a quick change was effected.

Contrary to these and perhaps a dozen or so other frustrating experiences, are what must amount to many hundreds of flights without incident—which is just the way I like things to be.

Hotels furnish the subject for even more stories. Admittedly, it doesn't make a great deal of difference whether you are in Peoria, Podunk, Portland or Punxsutawney—a Holiday Inn is a Holi-

day Inn is a Holiday Inn. Recently I received a beautiful full-color brochure describing a very nice place to stay in the resort town of Sanibel Island, Florida. The room illustrations showed a bed, wood-grain plastic dressing table and floor-to-ceiling curtains, and while these may have been very special in the hotel owner's eyes, I suspect that there are one million similar rooms elsewhere in America—perhaps two million.

When hotels dare to be different, other hotels can't wait to be copycats. Thus, architect John Portman's famed Atlanta hotel, with its atrium and glass-enclosed elevator, was a novelty a decade or so ago, but no longer. Everybody and his brother has something similar, so it seems. The same goes for "executive floors" that are set aside in some hotels' upper levels, where one is treated to such "special" services as delivery of a morning paper, a turned-down bed at night, and perhaps a mint on the pillow. All this for only $10 to $20 or more extra per night.

My numismatic travels have taken me behind the Iron Curtain a few times. There, I am happy to report, hotels are not the same. Large hotel chains have yet to make an appearance, although they probably will eventually. One can now buy such things as Coca-Cola and Pepsi in Russia and China, so perhaps Holiday Inns aren't far behind.

An interesting story pertaining to a Russian hotel was relayed to me by a traveling companion who had stayed in a Moscow facility not far from Red Square. A bit paranoid about being spied upon, he carefully rapped the walls, checked behind mirrors and paintings, and otherwise searched for "bugs" before retiring for the night. Upon lifting the rug he discovered a perforated metal plate a few inches square secured to the floor by a screw at each corner. Obviously, here was a microphone! Seeking to check it out further, my friend took a coin from his pocket and carefully untwisted the screws. As the last one was loosened, he heard a terrifying crash in the room below—a chandelier, held up by the metal plate, had fallen! Fortunately the room was not occupied, and after spending a fearful night huddled in his bed, waiting for a sharp rap on the door, my friend concluded that all was well and the accident had not been discovered, or at least he had not been blamed.

Don't get me wrong—there are many distinctive hotels in the United States. One that I had occasion to visit about 20 years ago was the Hotel Pfister in Milwaukee, where the Central States Numismatic Society had scheduled a convention. Upon being shown to my room, I was a bit perturbed to discover it did not have a private bathroom. "Did you request a private bathroom when you made your reservation?" the desk clerk asked. No, I hadn't, but I was unaware such a request was necessary. I later viewed in the hotel's lobby an exhibit billed as a "Million Dollar Art Collection," and on a comment card supplied by the management I suggested that the hotel sell the art collection and invest the money in some bathroom facilities!

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Perhaps the Holiday Inn advertisement that the best surprise is no surprise—a testimony to the sameness of everything—has its advantages, for one cannot expect the unexpected. But, there is something romantic about the unusual. I have many nice memories of cold, wintry nights spent at one or another English country inn, where the only heat available came from a mechanism that would operate 20 minutes for each shilling coin inserted. This device necessitated a pile of shillings and frequent awakenings for me to make it comfortably through the night.

Often, such places had no locks on the door, a refreshing testimonial to trust in one's fellow man. Anyone who has traveled obscure English back roads, or who has put up overnight in the small guest houses of Germany and Austria, knows all about this sort of thing. Probably somewhere in the United States—deep in the Maine woods or hidden in a valley in Idaho—there are similar facilities.

Perhaps my most startling experience took place a few years ago at a small California hotel located up in the old gold-rush district. Upon leaving after a very pleasant stay, I placed a $20 bill in the palm of the owner as a thank-you for his service. "We don't accept tips," he said. Now that's probably one of the least-heard phrases in the English language!

MARKET FORUM

MICHAEL R. FULJENZ

Pure Fun in Numismatics

On business in the Bahamas recently, I was reminded of what numismatics is really all about—fun.

I never have had much luck with slot machines, but this time I found a surefire way to win. During my second day in the hotel's casino I noticed one lady playing the same slot machine. Later that night, as I returned to "waste" a roll of quarters, I noticed the same lady, with two buckets full of coins, finally leaving her machine. (Yes, I did wonder how she survived without eating or visiting the ladies' room, and thus readjusted my "necessities-of-life" list.)

Curiously I approached the machine she had played. After several losing plays, one of life's greatest mysteries was revealed to me—some slot machines pay more than they should! My particular one-armed bandit delivered up to 50 percent more than usual on all wins. Thus, 3 quarters yielded 9 instead of 6 on the smallest wagers, up to 225 quarters instead of 150. Even so, I lost $50 in an hour, but my perseverance eventually netted $200 by 4 a.m.

The next morning the lady gambler again played the slot machines. (It seems her husband allowed her to take food and bathroom breaks.) I learned that she also averaged $50 in profits per hour. After a time her hands were soiled black, and we both agreed that if the task was a formal job, some union would declare it cruelly monotonous. After all, constantly inserting quarters, pulling a handle and watching dials spin might become awfully boring, unless you're trying for a $15,000 jackpot and making $50 an hour in the process. The lady and her husband confided that they make a point to look for overpaying machines, which they sometimes find.

Alas, four days later our profligate friend was finally fixed. We could not believe, with all the security personnel present, that the rogue machine was not discovered and corrected sooner.

By the way, most casinos use their own tokens. A conch shell appears on the Bahamas dollar token, a few of which I kept for my collection of gaming pieces. I also picked up several video-game-room tokens. Interestingly, Show-Biz Pizza tokens are used in the Bahamas even though Billy Bob and company are nowhere to be found.

I obtained my last fun token from a restaurant named Graycliff, deemed by *Glamour* magazine as one of the world's ten most-romantic eateries. Graycliff was everything a five-star restaurant should be, even numismatically; they offer a nice, crown-size brass medal for patrons.

So now I have started a collection of world restaurant medals! Move over matchbox collectors; two of our favorite passions—food and numismatics—make an unbeatable combination.

A few parting thoughts about the Bahamas. Paying an automatic gratuity of 15 percent (which seems to encourage poor service) was, to me, one of the islands' liabilities. Surprisingly, Graycliff does not charge a gratuity, but the service was superb and I gladly tipped 25 percent.

Those of you who enjoy the fun of collecting tokens and medals might investigate the Token and Medal Society, which publishes an excellent bimonthly journal. For membership information write to Paul Koppenhaver, P.O. Box 430, Van Nuys, CA 91408.

Market Update
August 25, 1985

Once again August brought the ANA's anniversary convention, which provided numismatists with the largest smorgasbord of material available at any time of the year, as well as a barometer of the hobby.

Current hot areas of the market include P-, D- and S-mintmark Olympic gold coins, whose low mintage seems to have caught on in a big way, with current bids nearly twice the original issue price of a year ago. This should be encouraging for Statue of Liberty commemorative enthusiasts excited about upcoming issues.

Many professionals feel new U.S. legal-tender gold and silver bullion coins would be another shot in the arm for an already-active market. This seems a likely occurrence.

MS-65 dollars, commemoratives, "Walkers" and type coins of nickel, silver and gold are moving upward. BU rolls of silver dimes, quarters and half dollars remain steady at current levels, as do Proof sets. MS-65 and Proof-65 copper coins remain one of the soft areas of the market; collector interest is always solid here, but investors shy away because of storage concerns.

A new dealer term you should be familiar with is "newps," meaning new purchases or fresh material.

NUMISMATIC VIGNETTES

GLENN B. SMEDLEY

■ The May 13 issue of *Newsweek* magazine contains an article titled "Bit by the Collecting Bug." (Shame on you *Newsweek*, that should be "bitten".) In any case, while amounts of money are mentioned frequently, "coins," "medals" and other numismatic items are absent.

On the several pages (some color pictures), I didn't see a single name of an artist or collector with whom I am familiar. One collector at an auction was disappointed at not getting an abstract painting because he "dropped out at just under $1.4 million." A few, less affluent, have a large collection, "not one piece of which cost more than $10,000." Another household includes five cats—named Manet, Whistler, Renoir, Corot and Tiffany—on which no value was placed.

The article omitted one element regarding valuations: how much did it cost the collector to acquire his holdings? He (or she) spends a lot of dollars traveling to the big auctions, plus hours and days searching the large and small art and antique galleries. Some buy from artists who have not yet made names for themselves; locating them must be costly.

Maybe my financial and free-time limitations—also lack of an art-eye—

have kept me from suffering the stature of "name" collector. But I'm enjoying my small-time collecting, while, to quote one of the big-timers in the *Newsweek* article: "Collecting art is more addictive than sex or drugs." The same can be true of collecting coins and other items.

■ Columnist Andy Rooney offered "a little toast to the memory of World War II correspondent Ernie Pyle," who was killed 40 Aprils ago by a Japanese machine gunner. Ernie and Andy saw action together at times, so Andy knows whereof he speaks.

I pass on to you the following paragraph from the "toast":

> Unlike most correspondents, Ernie never offered any opinion about who was winning the war. He just told little stories about the men fighting it. He drew vignettes with two fingers on his typewriter keys that told more about the victories and defeats of World War II than all the official communiqués ever issued.

Well said, Andy. We need more reminders of such people as Ernie. It isn't how many fingers you use or how many words per minute you type, it's what (if anything worthwhile) the words say that matters.

■ There's an old joke about a co-ed school at which the dormitories of a fraternity and a sorority were adjacent and facing. Some of the girls were indifferent about pulling the shade before disrobing, so that the boys were seeing quite a bit of "girl."

One day, after the novelty had worn off, the girls received this terse message: "We are not interested in a course in anatomy—please pull your shades." The prompt reply was: "Course in anatomy not compulsory—look the other way."

If you feel that this column dwells too much on V.D. Brenner and his works, please feel free to look the other way.

■ Fear not great wealth—fear only the power it can command.

■ It is very widely known that iron, and alloys that are principally iron, can be magnetized and will remain in that state for relatively long periods of time. The only other common material having magnetic properties is commercially pure nickel, which loses this property if alloyed with even a minute amount of another metal.

Copper-nickel coins (some containing a small amount of zinc) are common, but pure nickel coins are not practical for use in coin-operated vending machines, which reject coin-like objects made of magnetic material.

A few pure-nickel, and even fewer iron, coins have been made, but they are not widespread, and the latter lack the silvery appearance of nickel and nickel-alloy coins.

■ About whom was the following written in July 1877? "I have seen, and heard, much cockney impudence before now; but never expected to hear a coxcomb ask two hundred guineas for flinging a pot of paint in the public's face." John Ruskin, English author and art critic, so passed judgement on one of James Abbott McNeil Whistler's now-celebrated works. Whistler thereupon sued Ruskin for libel and won the verdict, but the award for damages was one farthing.

By the way, it was during this trial that Whistler said he had painted the subject for two days. Upon being asked "The labor of two days, then, is that for which you ask two hundred guineas?" Whistler replied, "No; I ask it for the knowledge of a lifetime."

The foregoing illustrates the fact that the answer to an involved question or uncommon task may be readily available from someone who has pertinent "knowledge of a lifetime." We complain about the high cost of education today, but it's trivial when compared to the cost of enlightening experience.

Interesting and thought provoking. However, even though Whistler treasured his farthing, we cannot record that he developed into a coin collector.

LUBELL ON TAXES

MYRON S. LUBELL

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Capital Gains for Converted Inventory

When a numismatic collector or investor sells coins at a profit, the gain will be taxed at the preferential capital gain rates. Thus, if such coins are held for more than six months, 60 percent of the gain will be excluded from taxable income. Unfortunately, this advantageous tax treatment is not offered to individuals who sell coins as a regular part of their trade or business. With coin dealers, 100 percent of the gain from coin sales will be subject to taxation.

However, even though coins held by a dealer will be treated as "inventory," not as "investments," it might be possible to occasionally convert some of them into capital assets prior to sale, thus resulting in capital gain treatment rather than ordinary income.

For example, Ted Thompson, a coin dealer, has a substantial inventory of silver dollars. These coins will not be treated as capital assets because they are part of the regular inventory of Thompson's business. However, he might give some of these coins to his daughter Susan as a gift. Since Susan is not a dealer, she may treat the silver dollars as an "investment," that is, a capital asset. Thus, if she eventually sells them at a profit, the gain will be treated as a long-term capital gain. (Note: If Susan is in a lower tax bracket than her father, additional tax savings will result, since any future gain will be taxed to her rather than to her father.)

Of course, if Susan sells the silver dollars immediately after receiving them as a gift, the IRS is likely to view these events with considerable suspicion. In order to take advantage of this tax-planning idea and not have it disallowed as a "sham," the recipient of the gift should retain the property for a "reasonable" period of time prior to sale.

Property transferred as a gift retains the same basis it had in the hands of the original owner. Thus, if the silver dollars in the above example originally cost Thompson $10,000, his daughter's basis for the coins also will be $10,000, even if they presently have a fair market value of $50,000.

Tax Queries

Q. I have a substantial investment in rare coins, well in excess of $100,000. Although I should probably store these coins in a safe deposit box, I enjoy having them in my possession, so I keep them at home. Accordingly, I maintain supplemental insurance coverage, with the coins specifically "scheduled" on a home-owners policy, and I also have installed a home burglar alarm system. Can I claim any extra tax deductions for the insurance premiums or the burglar system?

A. If the coins are maintained as a hobby, you will not be allowed to deduct either of these costs. However, if you are a serious investor in coins, you will be able to deduct the supplemental insurance premiums. Additionally, as an investor, you will be allowed to depreciate the cost of a home burglar alarm system (including installation charges) over a five-year period.

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1906-D Counterfeit Eagle Discovered

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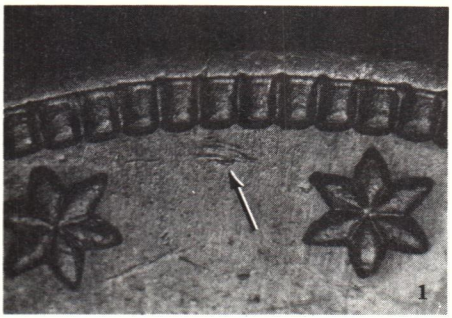
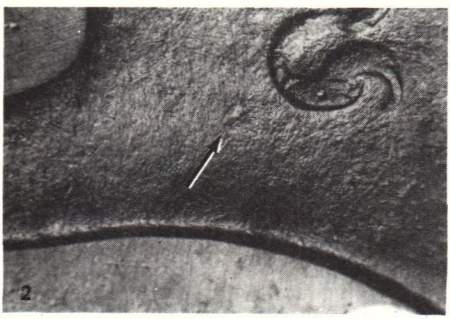
An individual suspecting the authenticity of any U.S. coin is invited to submit the piece to ANACS for an opinion. Simply follow the instructions on the "Request for Certification" form, included in this issue.

Counterfeit 1906-D $10 gold piece.



Tool marks in field, close to the rim at 3 o'clock.



Tool marks on Liberty's neck to left of curl falling from ear.

Excess metal in field to right of lower third of Liberty's bun.

Tool marks in field to right of hair strand at back of Liberty's neck, the result of an attempt to correct a depression in the die.

Excess metal in vertical stripes of shield.

Raised metal between middle arrow tip and R of AMERICA.

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NOVEMBER

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Brettell Named ANA Executive Director

"I really want the members to be candid with us. I want them to look at the ANA as if this is a new era," says the American Numismatic Association's newly appointed executive director, Ruthann Brettell. In a July 8 meeting held during the ANA's Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, the Board of Governors named her to succeed Executive Vice President Edward C. Rochette, who will retire with 20 years of service in December 1986.

An executive search committee, headed by ANA Governor Bob Medlar, was appointed by former president Q. David Bowers in June 1984. Brettell was one of two finalists selected from a field of 68 applicants. Both she and the second contender, Doug Dashner, executive director of the DeKalb County (Illinois) Farm Bureau, were interviewed in an open session by the Board of Governors, which later met with the candidates individually before announcing its unanimous choice of Ruthann Brettell.

Remarked Bowers, "It is gratifying that the Board promoted from within . . . I think this shows that the Board [looks] to its own people first." Serving as Assistant to the Executive Vice President at the time of her appointment, Brettell was one of the first persons hired when the ANA opened its national headquarters in Colorado Springs 18 years ago. In that time she has served as accountant, office manager, comptroller, credit manager, personnel director and convention coordinator.

"For the first month [of my employment]," she says, "I had some second thoughts. I was given jobs like lettering award certificates and processing membership applications . . . Now that I look back, though, I'm glad I had the chance to do those other jobs. It's a big help today with people working under me, since everything they do is something I've done myself."

Brettell officially assumed her position as executive director on August 1, and Rochette has pledged his cooperation during the transitional months before his retirement. "She's really indispensable," he says. "Of all the people in the building, she's the one who would simply be impossible to replace."

Ruthann Brettell

According to N. Neil Harris, editor of *The Numismatist*, "Ruthann is an exceptional worker and also an exceptional human being. She's always ready to help any member of the staff, either with their work or with personal matters. Yet, when the situation requires, she also can be firm if something isn't done as it should be."

Fully aware of the problems experienced by the hobby today, among them grading controversies and dwindling membership in the ANA and other coin clubs, Brettell maintains that one of the Association's top priorities should be a survey of the membership. "We keep saying we know what people want, but I think we need to go out and find out." A professionally conducted survey, she adds, would find out

what the members expect of the ANA's services, programs and headquarters staff. "We can't do for everybody exactly what they want, but I think we can make a concerted effort to at least pull all the ideas together. And, we need to know if we're doing something that they don't want us to do."

With her burgeoning responsibilities at ANA headquarters, Brettell finds her personal time limited but precious. Her job as convention coordinator takes her on the road often, and many of her leisure-time activities, such as stamp collecting and studying Colorado exonumia, have fallen by the wayside. However, as a concerned, single mother she manages to make time for her 7-year-old son Scott. "It isn't easy, but I really love the work," she sighs.

Montgomery Assumes ANACS Directorship

During an open meeting of the Board of Governors, held July 8 in conjunction with the ANA's Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, Richard S. Montgomery was officially named director of the ANA Certification Service. The 23-year-old authenticator was appointed assistant director of ANACS in January, when former president and ANA Treasurer Adna Wilde Jr. was asked to serve as acting director following reassignment of Director Ken Bressett as director of education. Says Wilde of Montgomery's new role, "He is young [and] he is learning. I think he will be good for the ANA . . . I recommend him highly."

A five-year veteran of ANACS, Montgomery feels that his first priority as director is "to bring grading to a consistent state" and maintain a "happy, unified staff." In an effort to achieve grading consistency, he plans to initiate the use of a reference collection within the department. Because of their popularity and sheer numbers, Morgan and Peace dollars would be assembled first, after which

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sets of Lincoln cents, Walking Liberty half dollars, Mercury dimes and other pieces could be formed. At present, Montgomery envisions this first set to comprise 50 to 100 silver dollars in the higher grades of Mint State preservation, providing graders/authenticators with a standard reference for various dates and mintmarks.

He hopes to reduce staff attrition by "presenting people with more and more responsibilities and involvement within the organization and the department itself. I really believe that if a person likes his job, he's going to pursue it." Montgomery feels that some ANACS personnel have been lured away by higher salaries and business opportunities. Currently, ANACS employs five graders/authenticators and two trainees, but the new director expects to add two more trainees this year.

Schook Elongated to Benefit Lesher Restoration

Florence Schook, recently installed ANA president, has designed an elongated cent that will be sold to provide financial support for an ANA project now under way—restoration of the numismatically historic Joseph Lesher House in Victor, Colorado.

A limited number of elongated 1985 cents marking the commencement of Schook's presidency were engraved by Frank Brazzell of Terre Haute, Indiana, and rolled by Ray Dillard of Fenton, Michigan. All proceeds from the sale of the cent will be donated to the ANA's Lesher House Restoration Fund. The pieces are priced at $1 each postpaid; check or money order should be made payable to the ANA and mailed to Florence Schook, P.O. Box 2014, Livonia, MI 48154.

Faithful Make Summer Seminar Pilgrimage

This summer many roads for students of numismatics led to the annual Summer Seminar at ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs. The week of July 7-13 saw 150 avid numismatists attending courses featuring everything from introductory lectures to advanced "hands on" laboratory work, as well as talks given by leading numismatists and tours of historical sites.

Kicking-off this year's sojourn was a special educational forum on the evening of July 7, focusing on the controversial Shroud of Turin. Major Ralph Enger, associate professor of physics at the United States Air Force Academy, and John Jackson, former USAFA physics professor, discussed their computer-enhancement studies of what some believe to be the burial cloth of Christ, accompanied by a full-scale, three-dimensional model of the Shroud. Enger and Jackson, much of whose work has concerned the possibility that images in the eye-area of the shroud may have been made by coins, explained the numismatic implications of their find-

Microscopic examination aids grading.

ings to an enthusiastic gathering.

As in the past, courses about coin grading and authentication proved very popular. "Basic Coin Grading," instructed by Ken Bressett, Bill Fivaz and Mike Werda, and "Advanced Coin Grading," led by Rick Montgomery and Bob Estremera, with the assistance of guest speakers Bob Rhue and Leonard Albrecht, analyzed Uncirculated and Proof coinage and the effects of strike, luster, surface marks and color on grade. "Detection of Counterfeit and Altered Coins," taught by Mary Sauvain, J.P. Martin and Pedro Collazo-Oliver, focused on diagnostics of genuine and counterfeit key coins.

Ray Merena provided a general overview of collecting U.S. coins in "Introduction to Numismatics: The Hobby," and Museum Curator Robert Hoge instructed the "Charles Wolfe Course on Ancient Coins," a study developed by classical numismatist Charles Wolfe that deals with coinage of the Greco-Roman world. Hoge was assisted by guest speaker Bill Spengler, who discussed ancient Oriental coinage.

Subjects of peripheral interest to numismatists were addressed in "Coin Photography," instructed by George DeWolfe, ANA photographic services manager, and "Computers: A Hands-on Experience," which, under the capable direction of Ron Green and Candyce Westdale, reviewed electronic research, record-keeping and cataloging techniques. For literature buffs, George Kolbe, *Coin World* columnist and a member of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association, presented "A Study of Numismatic Literature," which surveyed numismatic books, catalogs and periodicals, with special emphasis on preservation of old texts. Kolbe's students took a field trip to the rare book room of Colorado College's Tutt Library, where librarian Carol Neel discussed medieval manu-

Authenticator Pedro Collazo-Oliver discusses counterfeit detection.

scripts, followed by a visit to The Press at Colorado College, which produces printed material for the school. The literature students later visited with Tom Leech, who discussed techniques used in manufacturing paper for The Press.

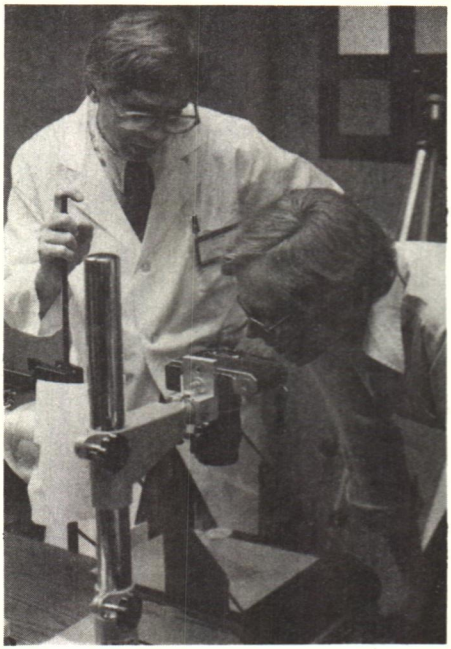
Numismatic excursions included a tour of the Denver Mint facilities and a trip to Colorado's famed Victor-Cripple Creek area, once the site of the greatest gold-producing field in the world. Led by Ray Merena and ANA Treasurer Adna Wilde Jr., who described the state's colorful numismatic history, the group took in the Cripple Creek District Museum and the Lesher House in Victor, which once belonged to coiner Joseph Lesher and currently is being renovated by the ANA.

Seminar activity was capped by graduation ceremonies held at nearby Manitou Springs' historic Iron Springs Chateau, where attendees were treated to dinner and a melodrama.

Eighteen young numismatists and nine adults attended the Summer Seminar on expense-paid scholarships funded by the generous support of the California State Numismatic Association, Central States Numismatic Society, Clearwater Coin Club, *Coin World*, C.O.I.N., J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation, Flint Flying Eagle Coin Club, Florida United Numismatists, Gulfport Coin Club, Great Eastern Numismatic Association, David Hall, Kansas Numismatic Association, Michigan State Numismatic Association, Milwaukee Numismatic Society, National Capital Optimists (Don Apte), National Coin Week, *Numismatic News*, San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council and the Token and Medal Society.

Jennifer Giles, Amy Parent, Barbara Stutzman and Ned Canty share a laugh or two.

George Kolbe's course addressed the use and preservation of numismatic literature.



Coin photography instructor John Hyde makes a point.

Museum Curator Robert Hoge's course about ancient coinage was well attended.

The graduation ceremony at the Iron Springs Chateau was a festive affair.

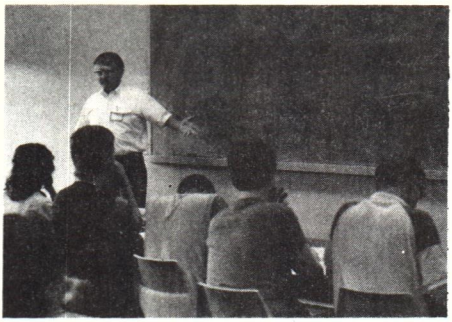
"Computers and the Collector" again proved to be a hot topic.

Steve Feller (left), who worked at headquarters during the month of July to develop an advanced numismatic course, and Barbara Stutzman (right) joined Martha Hodges in randomly drawing bourse-table assignments for the Baltimore convention.

Scholarship winners were David Belle, Archie Black, William Bross, Ned Canty, Kenneth Clark, Greg Cunningham, Greg Frazier, Jennifer Giles, Brian Gross, Bill Grundy, Colette Hunsberger, John McKean, Laura Lee Magreta, Amy Parent, Gary Price, Jonathan Radick, Scott Schrader, Leon Simon, John Spies, Robert Stoffey, Charles Stowers, Dorothy Stutzman, David Vagi, Frank Van Valen, Florence Vogelsang, John Wilson and Nancy Wilson.

Frank Van Valen of Nanuet, New York, and Charles Stowers, McCook, Nebraska, received scholarships as a result of a special drawing from the names of all those who mailed NCW final reports to ANA headquarters. Funding for the NCW/Summer Seminar scholarships was made available by Sam Saye of First American Cur-

National Coin Week scholarship winners Charles Stowers (left) and Frank Van Valen chat with NCW Chairwoman Nancy Green.



Ray Merena's "Introduction to Numismatics: The Hobby" provided a general overview of coin collecting.

Librarian Nancy Green and Thomas Michell explore common ground.

rency in Laguna Hills, California.

Van Valen celebrated National Coin Week by promoting numismatics "on the job." He posted NCW information in staff lounges at work and encouraged his fellow employees to bring in their old and unusual coins for identification and appraisal. He also spoke about grading and coin varieties in a series of "mini-lectures," and made available his personal reference library to those employees who wished to research their own coins.

Stowers set up a display and information table at a local restaurant during National Coin Week and answered questions and exchanged stories with collectors who stopped by to visit. He also donated numismatic books to the libraries of two nearby towns, as well as the senior high school in McCook.

Todd Gee of Essex, Ontario, Canada, was awarded a seminar scholarship by the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation for submitting the winning essay about "The Effects of Confederation on Canadian Currency—A Collector's Viewpoint." However, Todd passed away on March 24, 1985, a victim of Reye's Syndrome. A member of the Canadian Numismatic Association and the Ontario Numismatic Association, he was preparing to contribute a regular column to the Canadian Numismatic Journal. In memory of Todd, the Ferguson Foundation has financially contributed to further Reye's Syndrome research.

Stockholm '85

THE XX INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA MEDAILLE

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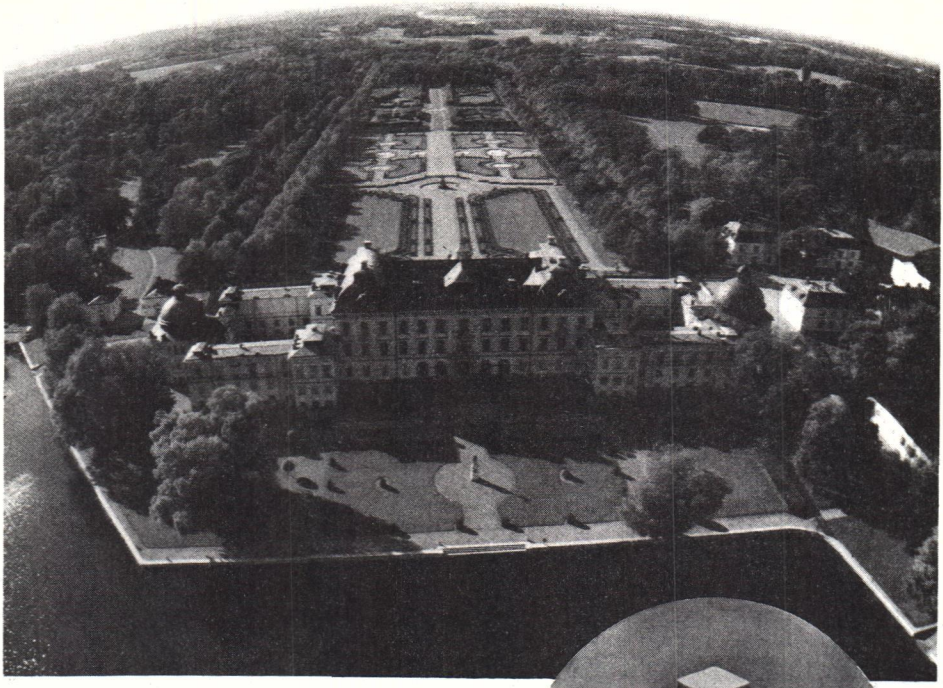
Sweden is the land of Gustavus Vasa, Alfred Nobel, Count Bernadotte, Dag Hammarskjold, Emanuel Swedenborg and, for a few short days this past June, the land of famed contemporary sculptors and medalists. From June 2-6 the capital city of Stockholm played host to the XX International Congress of the Federation Internationale de la Medaille (FIDEM), which brought together 112 artists, engravers and mint officials, representing 21 countries, to exchange ideas, attend lectures, view coins and exhibit medals. Many of the artists who attended are recognized designers of currently circulating coins.

Those participating in the Congress were treated to a kaleidoscope of Swedish architecture—from ancient castles on hidden islands to the ultra-modern midtown buildings of cosmopolitan Stockholm. Guests viewed the Queen's coin cabinet, once owned by Queen Louisa Ulrica, at Drottningholm Palace, which to this day is the royal family's residence. In sharp contrast, lectures given by and for the artists were held at Byggnadsstyrelsen, the

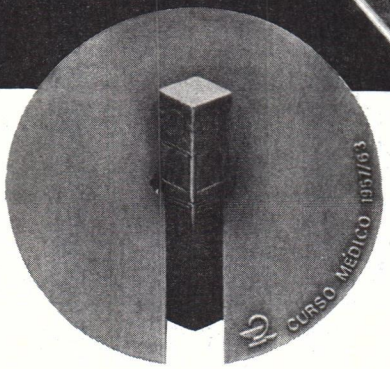


Delegates visited Drottningholm Palace, located on Sweden's Lake Malaren, to view a special exhibition of medals from the royal family's private collection.

ultra-modern, cast-concrete-and-chrome edifice that lodges the National Board of Public Housing.

Study sessions and lectures covered the gamut of medallic art—from its recognition as an art form, to commercialization, to use as a means of communication. For two days, from morning until late afternoon, the auditorium of the Byggnadsstyrelsen resembled a "Babelesque" study hall as multilingual papers were presented. Jacques Campet, director of the French Mint, delivered a lecture entitled "The Medal: Unique and Multiple." Cory Gillilland, representing the United States and the Smithsonian Institution, spoke of "An Art Form Relevant to America."

Other lecturers included Mariangela Johnson (Italy), "The Medal in the Italian Industrial Society"; Leena Passi (Finland), "Medal Art as a Means of Communication"; Mark Jones (Great Britain), "The Role of the Medal in Modern British Society"; Viktoria Kovasznai (Hungary),



This free-standing piece by Portugal's José João Brito marks the 25th anniversary of the Class of Medicine at the University of Coimbra, Portugal.

The tour boat PRINS CARL PHILIP transported visiting guests to the Royal Palace.

The Virginia Steele Scott Foundation Medal, designed by American artist Leonard Baskin.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Baptista of Portugal take in the scenery from the deck of the tour boat PRINS CARL PHILIP.

José Manuel Aurélio of Portugal designed "The Resurgent Art Medal."

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Famed Russian ballerina Anna Pavlova is honored on this medal by British sculptor Robert Charles Elderton.

U.S. delegate John Cook (left) chats with Kauko Räsänen of Finland (center) and Georges Marechal of France.

Enjoying a piece of sculpture displayed in the courtyard of Millesgärden, home of famed sculptor Carl Milles, are (from left) Marian Fountain of New Zealand, and Americans Mico Kaufman and Elsie Howell.

"Medal Art and Contemporary Society in Hungary"; Paul Arnold (East Germany), "The Reign of Augustus the Strong (1694/97-1733), Elector of Saxony and King of Poland, as Reflected in the Art of Medal Engraving"; Carlos Baptista da Silva (Portugal), "The Symbolism of the Portuguese Medals of the First Half of the 80s"; Norman Willis (Canada), "Apotheosis of the Medal in Modern Society: The Prix du Quebec Medals as Unique Works of Art"; John Cook (USA), "Trivia or Art: No Middle Ground for the Medal"; Javier Gimeno (Spain), "Modern Society in the Medal: Some Spanish Examples"; John Veach Noble (USA), "A Medal Series for an Art Museum"; and Eva Olszewska-Borys (Poland), "Landscape in Contemporary Polish Medals." Papers presented were on the level of doctoral theses, and transcripts were available in both English and the lecturers' native languages.

The City of Stockholm extended a warm welcome to FIDEM delegates, sponsoring a special reception at City Hall. The Society of Friends of the Royal Cabinet and the Swedish Numismatic Society crowned one exceptional day of touring with a formal dinner held in conjunction with the inauguration of an exhibit at the Royal Coin Cabinet entitled

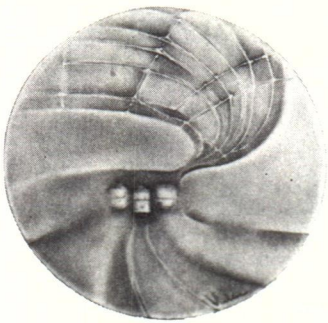
"Pacific Woman," created by Marian Fiona Fountain of New Zealand.

"Long Way Home," by Swedish artist Joanna Baladyna Troikowicz.

The goat featured on this medal by Heidi Dobberkau of West Germany turns to gaze solemnly back at its viewer.

Alan Stahl, curator of medals at the American Numismatic Society, views the American exhibit.

The FIDEM conference attracted visitors from around the world.



Transportation is the theme of this medal designed by Portuguese artist Maria Irene Vilar.

Delegates enjoyed a sumptuous buffet during a special reception sponsored by the City of Stockholm at City Hall.

Pietro Giampaoli, famed Italian coin designer, finds a few restful moments with his wife, who modeled for the profile of Liberty on post-World War II coins of Italy.

"Medal Art in Sweden 1955-1985."

FIDEM, founded in 1937 to promote interest in and appreciation of medallic art, has been extremely successful in achieving its goal in Europe. FIDEM will meet for the first time in the U.S. in 1987 on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, and at that time Americans will be in for both a treat and an education. Calendars have been blocked off at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center and the Museum of the American Numismatic Association in anticipation of FIDEM's Golden Anniversary meeting, scheduled October 11-15, 1987. Few Americans have been exposed to medallic art at its finest; Stockholm '85 provided a preview of what lies in store two years hence at ANA headquarters.

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Oregon	1936
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Texas	1937-S
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Booker T. Washington	1946-D
	1946-S
	1948
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	1950
	1950-D
	1950-S
	1951
	1951-D
	1951-S
Washington-Carver	1954
	1954-D
	1954-S
George Washington	1982 (all issues)

COMMEMORATIVE DOLLARS

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Milwaukee Numismatic Society, West Allis, WI
National Capitol Optimists Club, Vienna, VA
Token and Medal Society, Auburn ME
Elizabeth L. Wisslead, Santa Ana, CA

CASH ($1,000.00 or more)
First American Currency, Inc., Laguna Hills, CA
First Coinvestors, Inc., Albertson, NY

MATERIAL ($25.00 to $49.99)
Chester Czepha, South Merrimack, NH
Robert B. Gear, Hinsdale, IL
GS Computer Systems, Columbus, NE
Numismatic Software, Altamonte Springs, FL
Allen E. Nye, Colorado Springs, CO
Superior Stamp & Coin Co., Inc., Beverly Hills, CA

MATERIAL ($50.00 to $99.99)
Collectorware, Inc., Montgomery, AL
Compu-Quote, Canoga Park, CA
Klug Computer Software, Oshkosh, WI
Thomas P. McKenna, Fort Collins, CO

MATERIAL ($100.00 to $299.99)
Elmer K. Hamano, Honolulu, HI
Charles K. Mervine, Norristown, PA
Mid-Continent Coins, Inc., Kansas City, MO
Numisoft, Whittier, CA
Arthur W. Tuttle, San Diego, CA

MATERIAL ($300.00 to $499.99)
Ronald Stocker, Fort Worth, TX

MATERIAL ($500.00 to $999.99)
Jerry B. Cohen, Baltimore, MD

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Pierre Bastien, Cranbury, NJ
Catherine E. Bullowa, Philadelphia, PA
Manfra, Tordella & Brookes, Inc., New York, NY

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Anonymous
William J. Bielinski, Arlington, MA
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Diane M. Cowan, Lynn, MA
Michael Ray Fuljenz, New Orleans, LA
Dorothy Gershenson, Bala Cynwyd, PA
Frank Kyffin, Colorado Springs, CO
Robert Lloyd, Kenmore, NY
Gerald W. McKenzie, Wilmington, NC
Allen E. Nye, Colorado Springs, CO

Total Cash	
$25 or more	$ 8,693.57
Less than $25	114.10
Total Material	24,545.45
Total Donations (6-30-85)	$33,353.12

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Calendar listings are published as a service to member clubs of the American Numismatic Association. Entries must be received ***at least eight weeks*** *prior to the cover date of the magazine and preferably as much as* ***four months*** *in advance so announcements can appear in several consecutive issues. Type or print clearly and include zip code in address. Send to Calendar of Events, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.*

EAST

SEPTEMBER

August 31-September 1 HAGERSTOWN, MD. Venice Ballroom, U.S. Rt. 40. Coin Show sponsored by the Interstate Coin Club. Robert Brechbiel, P.O. Box 1901, Hagerstown, MD 21742.

5-8 NEW YORK, NY. Omni Park Central Hotel, 7th Ave. at 56th St. Greater New York Numismatic Convention sponsored by the American Israel Numismatic Association. Moe Weinschel, P.O. Box 25057, Tamarac, FL 33320.

6-8 NEW CARROLLTON, MD. Sheraton Hotel Exhibit Hall, I-95, exit 20. 13th Annual Maryland State Numismatic Association Convention & Coin Show. MSNA, P.O. Box 6533, Sparrows Point, MD 21219.

7-8 GREENSBURG, PA. Mt. View Inn, Rt. 30 E. Greensburg Coin Club Coin Show. Frances Ransel, R.D. 7, Box 354-D, Greensburg, PA 15601.

8 ALBANY, NY. Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension. Coin Show sponsored by the Capital District Coin Dealers Association. J.F. Marcelli, 28 Locust Ave., Troy, NY 12180.

8 POINT PLEASANT BEACH, NJ. Beacon Manor Hotel, Hwy. 35 & Rt. 88. Ocean County Coin Club's 15th Annual Coin, Medal, Token & Paper Money Show. Archie A. Black, P.O. Box 63, Brick, NJ 08723.

15 SYRACUSE, NY. Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Coin & Stamp Show sponsored by the Onondaga Numismatic Association. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Cir. W., Clay, NY 13041.

19-22 CHERRY HILL, NJ. Hyatt Cherry Hill. Great Eastern Numismatic Association Convention. William H. Horton Jr., P.O. Box 293, Franklin, NJ 07416.

21-22 INDIANA, PA. Rustic Lodge, Rt. 286 S. 27th Annual Fall Coin Show of the Indiana Coin Club. John F. Busovicki, 72 Walcott St., Clymer, PA 15728.

28-29 LANCASTER, PA. Farm & Home Center, Arcadia Rd. Red Rose Coin Club's 27th Annual Coin Show. Tom Schell, P.O. Box 621, Lancaster, PA 17603.

29 DOVER, DE. Sheraton Inn, 1570 N. DuPont Hwy. 14th Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Kent Coin Club. Russell Frank, P.O. Box 894, Dover, DE 19903-0894.

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6 ALBANY, NY. Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension. Coin Show sponsored by the Capital District Coin Dealers Association. J.F. Marcelli, 28 Locust Ave., Troy, NY 12180.

12-13 LEBANON, PA. Quality Inn, Quentin Rd. & Poplar St. 47th Semi-Annual Coin Show of the Lebanon Valley Coin Club. LVCC, P.O. Box 357, Lebanon, PA 17042.

18-20 BUFFALO, NY. Buffalo Convention Center. Greater Buffalo Coin Dealers' Association 9th Annual Coin and Stamp Show. Dell Reitz, 2197 Broadway St., Buffalo, NY 14212.

18-20 NEW CARROLLTON, MD. Sheraton Hotel & Exhibition Center. Annual Convention of the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association. Alex J. Barna, P.O. Box 189, Broomall, PA 19008.

20 OAKDALE, PA. Holiday Inn-Parkway West, Rts. 22 & 30. 12th Annual Coin Show of the Chartiers Valley Coin Club. Jerry Watkins, 209 7th Ave., Carnegie, PA 15106.

20 SYRACUSE, NY. Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Coin & Stamp Show sponsored by the Onondaga Numismatic Association. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Cir. W., Clay, NY 13041.

26 PARAMUS, NJ. Bergen Mall, Rt. 4. 11th Annual Coin Show of the Northern Valley Coin Club. Anthony Mastice, 375 Oak St., Ridgefield, NJ 07657.

26-27 CHARLESTON, WV. Charleston Civic Center, Lee St. at Elk River. Coin Show sponsored by the Charleston Coin Club. Donald K. Clifford, P.O. Box 65, St. Albans, WV 25177.

27 BALTIMORE, MD. Victory Villa Recreation Center, Martin Blvd. & Compass Rd. Hamilton Coin Club Coin Show. HCC, 4618 Harford, Baltimore, MD 21214.

27 SAUGERTIES, NY. Masonic Lodge, Russell St. Coin Show sponsored by the Ulster Coin Club. UCC, R.D. 1, Box 384½, Kingston, NY 12401.

27 WEST GLENS FALLS, NY. VFW Hall, Luzerne Rd. at Richardson St. 7th Annual Coin & Stamp Show of the Cooper's Cave Coin Club. Philip A. Mahoney, 2 Linden St., S. Glens Falls, NY 12801.

27 DANBURY, CT. Rogers Park School. Danbury Coin Club's Semi-Annual Coin Show. George Mitchell, 1 Vista Dr., R.F.D. 1, New Milford, CT 06776.

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3 PORTLAND, ME. Holiday Inn, Maine Tpk., Exit 8. Gorham Coin Club Coin Show. Charles A. Roberts, 37 Anson Rd., Portland, ME 04102.

3 ALBANY, NY. Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension. Coin Show sponsored by the Capital District Coin Dealers Association. J.F. Marcelli, 28 Locust Ave., Troy, NY 12180.

9-10 CUMBERLAND, MD. La Vale Fire Hall, 423 National Hwy. Western Maryland Coin Club's Coin Show. George Waingold, 1260 Vocke Rd., La Vale, MD 21502.

10 STAR CITY, WV. Holiday Inn, Monongahela Blvd. Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Mountaineer Coin Club. David A. Cornell, 975 Dorsey Ave., Morgantown, WV 26505.

14-17 CHERRY HILL, NJ. Hyatt-Cherry Hill. International Paper Money Convention sponsored by the Society of Paper Money Collectors. William Horton Jr., P.O. Box 293, Franklin, NJ 07416.

16-17 PARKERSBURG, WV. Holiday Inn, Rt. 50 at I-77. Parkersburg Coin Club's 11th Annual Fall Coin Show. Tim Miller, 4216 Jefferson, Parkersburg, WV 26101.

17 SYRACUSE, NY. Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Coin & Stamp Show sponsored by the Onondaga Numismatic Association. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Cir. W., Clay, NY 13041.

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15 SYRACUSE, NY. Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Coin & Stamp Show sponsored by the Onondaga Numismatic Association. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Cir. W., Clay, NY 13041.

SOUTH

SEPTEMBER

6-8 DALLAS, TX. Crown Plaza Hotel, 4099 Valley View Ln. Dallas Coin Club's Annual Coin Show & Money Auction. C.C. Andrews, P.O. Box 7673, Dallas, TX 75209.

6-8 LITTLE ROCK, AR. Camelot Inn, Markham & Spring. 10th Annual Coin Show & Convention of the Arkansas Numismatic Society. Tony Minicozzi, P.O. Box 892, Little Rock, AR 72203.

7 DECATUR, GA. DeKalb Federal Savings, 116 Clairmont Ave. Annual Coin Show sponsored by the DeKalb Coin Club. DCC, P.O. Box 20083, Atlanta, GA 30325-0083.

7-8 FAYETTEVILLE, NC. Sheraton Motor Inn, 301 Bragg Blvd. 14th Annual Coin Show of the Cumberland County Coin Club. Charles L. Kimber, 3705 Florida Dr., Fayetteville, NC 28301.

8 MELBOURNE, FL. Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 N. Highland Ave. South Brevard Coin Club's Coin & Stamp Show. John Hopkins, P.O. Box 1441, Melbourne, FL 32902.

14-15 AMARILLO, TX. Quality Inn, 2915 I-40 E. Coin Show sponsored by the Golden Spread Coin Club. Pam Tipton, 500 S. Virginia, Amarillo, TX 79106.

20-22 TAMPA, FL. Sheraton-Tampa Motor Hotel, 515 E. Cass St. 30th Anniversary Coin Show of the Tampa Coin Club. Al Musgrove, 7907 Overbrook Dr., Tampa, FL 33614.

21-22 BEAUMONT, TX. Beaumont Hilton. Coin Show sponsored by the Beaumont Coin Club. Dewey Scott, P.O. Box 1964, Beaumont, TX 77704.

27-29 ORLANDO, FL. Orlando-Centro Plex, 500 W. Livingston St. Central Florida Coin Club's Fall Coin Show. A.J. Vinci, 1002 Pebble Beach Cir. W., Winter Springs, FL 32708.

28-29 MARIETTA, GA. Holiday Inn, Delk Rd. & I-75. Marietta-Smyrna Coin Club Coin Show. Bruce Epperson, P.O. Box 3, Marietta, GA 30061.

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5-6 FORT WALTON BEACH, FL. Blue Horizon Motel, Okaloosa Island, Santa Rosa Blvd. 2nd Semi-Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Fort Walton Beach Coin Club. Jim Harrell, 1023 John Sims Pkwy., Niceville, FL 32578.

12-13 FORT WORTH, TX. Will Rogers Exhibit Hall, 1 Amon Carter Sq. 24th Annual Coin Show of the Fort Worth Coin Club. Ken Jones, Box 7733, Ft. Worth, TX 76111.

13 MELBOURNE, FL. Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 N. Highland Ave. South Brevard Coin Club's Coin & Stamp Show. John Hopkins, P.O. Box 1441, Melbourne, FL 32902.

25-27 COLUMBIA, SC. Holiday Inn-City Center, 630 Assembly St. 13th Annual Convention & Coin Show of the South Carolina Numismatic Association. Robert H. Mackintosh, P.O. Box 11285, Columbia, SC 29211.

26-27 LAFAYETTE, LA. Municipal Auditorium. Annual "Cajun Coinaval" Coin Show of the Lafayette Coin Club. LCC, P.O. Box 91992, Lafayette, LA 70509.

26-27 MUSKOGEE, OK. Muskogee Civic Assembly Center, 5th & Boston. 24th Annual Exhibit & Coin Show of the Indian Capital Coin Club. George King, P.O. Box 1952, Muskogee, OK 74402.

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2-3 CORPUS CHRISTI, TX. La Quinta Royale, 601 N. Water St. Annual Fall Coin Show sponsored by the Corpus Christi Coin Club. David Burke, P.O. Box 3191, Corpus Christi, TX 78404.

10 MELBOURNE, FL. Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 N. Highland Ave. South Brevard Coin Club's Coin & Stamp Show. John Hopkins, P.O. Box 1441, Melbourne, FL 32902.

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8 MELBOURNE, FL. Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 N. Highland Ave. South Brevard Coin Club's Coin & Stamp Show. John Hopkins, P.O. Box 1441, Melbourne, FL 32902.

13-15 CHARLOTTE, NC. Charlotte Convention Center, 101 S. College St. 26th Annual Convention of the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association. Don Sharpe, P.O. Box 33292, Charlotte, NC 28233.

CENTRAL

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6-8 PEORIA, IL. Continental Regency Hotel, 400 Hamilton Blvd. Illinois State Coin Convention sponsored by the Illinois Numismatic Association. Joseph R. Mileham, 3123 S. Dirksen Pkwy., Springfield, IL 62703.

8 ROSELLE, IL. Lakeside Banquet Hall, 1100 W. Lake St. Schaumburg Numismatic Society's 4th Annual Coin Show. Martin F. Krashoc, P.O. Box 94246, Schaumburg, IL 60194.

22 LENEXA, KS. Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, I-35 & 95th St. 17th Annual Coin & Stamp Show of the Johnson County Numismatic Society. Joe Scarlett, 12612 W. 104 Terr., Overland Park, KS 66215.

22 ALBION, MI. National Guard Armory, 1023 N. Clark St. Albion Coin Club's 24th Annual Coin Show. Frank Passic, P.O. Box 131, Albion, MI 49224.

22 ALSIP, IL. Alsip Holiday Inn, 5000 W. 127th St. 5th Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Oak Forest Coin Club. OFCC, 7728 W. 166 St., Tinley Park, IL 60477.

27-29 MILWAUKEE, WI. MECCA Convention Center, 4th & Kilbourn Ave. Milwaukee Numismatic Society's 51st Anniversary Coin Show. A.P. Bertschy, 3939 N. Murray Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53211.

27-29 LOUISVILLE, KY. Ramada Inn Bluegrass Convention Center, I-64 & Hurstbourne Lane. 25th Annual Kentucky State Numismatic Association Coin Show. Mike Schmidt, 6310 Upper Hunters Trace, Shively, KY 40216.

29 FAIRFIELD, IL. North Side Grade School. 15th Annual Coin Show of the Fairfield Coin Club. Cecil Draper, Rt. 3, Fairfield, IL 62837.

29 LORAIN, OH. Gargus Hall, 1969 North Ridge Rd. Lorain Numismatic Association's 25th Anniversary Coin Show. LNA, Box 921, Elyria, OH 44036.

OCTOBER

5 BLOOMINGTON/NORMAL, IL. College Hills Mall, Veterans Pkwy. & College Ave. Corn Belt Coin Club Coin Show. Dick Hoffarth, 7 Sylvan Ln., Bloomington, IL 61701.

5-6 NEW PHILADELPHIA, OH. Holiday Inn, 131 Bluebell Dr. S.W., I-77, Exit 81. 26th Annual Coin Show of the Tuscarawas County Coin Club. TCCC, Box 83, New Philadelphia, OH 44663.

6 LANSING, MI. Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, 6741 S. Cedar St. at I-96. Lansing Coin Club's Annual Fall Coin Show. LCC, P.O. Box 16231, Lansing, MI 48901.

6 ROYAL OAK, MI. American Legion Hall, Rochester Rd. at 12 Mile Rd. Coin Show sponsored by the Royal Oak Coin Club. L.T. Mathews, P.O. Box 445, Royal Oak, MI 48068.

6 CRYSTAL LAKE, IL. American Legion, Oak & Woodstock. McHenry County Coin Club's 1985 Coin Show. MCCC, Box 271, Crystal Lake, IL 60014.

11-13 HURON, SD. Huron Mall. Fall Coin & Stamp Show sponsored by the Fair City Coin & Stamp Club. FCCSC, Box 659, Huron, SD 57350.

12-13 OMAHA, NE. Holiday Inn, 72nd at I-80. 26th Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Omaha Coin Club. Ralph Reeves, 1027 S. 90th St., Omaha, NE 68114.

13 MOLINE, IL. Viking Club of Moline, 1450 41st St. Tri-Cities Coin Club's Annual Coin Show. George Wolters, P.O. Box 332, Moline, IL 61265.

20 GREEN BAY, WI. Midway Motor Lodge, 780 Packer Dr. 26th Annual Fall Coin Show sponsored by the Nicolet Coin Club. Roger Bohn, Downtown P.O. Box 152, Green Bay, WI 54305.

20 ROCKFORD, IL. Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, 3909 11th St. Rockford Area Coin Club's 58th Semi-Annual Coin Show. Ralph Winquist, P.O. Box 1974, Rockford, IL 61109.

25-27 ST. LOUIS, MO. Henry VIII Inn, 4690 N. Lindbergh. The World Coin Club of Missouri presents its 21st Annual Coin Show. Frank A. Clemens, 7508 Kirky St., St. Louis, MO 63119.

26 KALAMAZOO, MI. Kalamazoo County Center Bldg., 2900 Lake St. Kalamazoo Numismatic Club's Annual Fall Coin Show. R.F. Barr, P.O. Box 462, Portage, MI 49081.

26-27 BLOOMINGTON, MN. Holiday Inn-International Airport, I-494 & 34th Ave. S. Annual MOON Coin Show sponsored by the Minnesota Organization of Numismatists. Jerry Swanson, P.O. Box 565, Rochester, MN 55903.

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3 LOGANSPORT, IN. American Legion, Indiana 29 S. Logansport Coin Club's 29th Annual Coin Show. Letha Martin, P.O. Box 241, Logansport, IN 46947.

9-10 NORTH PLATTE, NE. Stockmans Inn. Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Platte Valley Coin Club. PVCC, Box 683, Sutherland, NE 69165.

10 DAVENPORT, IA. Holiday Inn, 5202 Brady St. 21st Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Davenport Coin Club. Bert Shipley, P.O. Box 3193, Davenport, IA 52808.

29-December 1 KANSAS CITY, MO. The Inn at Executive Park, 1601 N. Universal Ave., I-435 & Front St. 27th Midwest Coin Show sponsored by the Heart of America Numismatic Association. Ralph Hardman, P.O. Box 7411, Shawnee Mission, KS 66205.

29-December 1 MEMPHIS, TN. Ramada Inn Southeast, 3896 Lamar Ave. Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Coin Show of the Whitehaven Coin Club. Homer Wilkins, P.O. Box 22293, Memphis, TN 38122.

WEST

SEPTEMBER

13-15 SALT LAKE CITY, UT. Salt Palace Center, 100 S.W. Temple St. 22nd Annual Utah Numismatic Society Coin Show. Alvin Rust, 311 S. Main, Salt Lake City, UT 84111.

19-22 SAN FRANCISCO, CA. Cathedral Hill "Jack Tar" Hotel, Van Ness & Geary. 24th Annual Coin Show & Convention of the Northern California Numismatic Association. Stan Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590.

OCTOBER

6 VANCOUVER, WA. Marshall Recreation Center. 20th Annual Coin Convention sponsored by the Fort Vancouver Coin Club. FVCC, P.O. Box 484, Vancouver, WA 98666.

12-13 SACRAMENTO, CA. Beverly Garland Motor Lodge, Exposition Blvd. at Hwy. 80. 27th Annual Coin-o-rama sponsored by the Sacramento Valley Coin Club. Dennis Pacheco, P.O. Box 160122, Sacramento, CA 95816.

12-13 PUYALLUP, WA. Iron Gate Restaurant, 8212 River Rd. E. Ezra Meeker Coin Club's 20th Annual Coin Show. Paul Novitski, P.O. Box 183, Puyallup, WA 98731.

19-20 STOCKTON, CA. Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon St. Delta Coin Club of California 21st Annual Coin Show. Elden Enzminger, P.O. Box 216, Victor, CA 95253.

27 RESEDA, CA. Reseda Women's Club, 7901 Lindley Ave. 27th Annual Coin-a-rama sponsored by the West Valley Coin Club. WVCC, P.O. Box 5207, Sherman Oaks, CA 91413.

31-November 3 HONOLULU, HI. Queen Kapiolani Hotel, 150 Kapahulu Ave. 22nd Annual Coin Show of the Hawaii State Numismatic Association. M.F. Kendrick, P.O. Box 477, Honolulu, HI 96809.

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1-3 BOISE, ID. Holiday Inn, 3300 Vista Ave. 28th Annual Show sponsored by the Southern Idaho Coin Club. W. Earl Hollenberg, 2902 Pauley Dr., Boise, ID 83704.

2-3 TACOMA, WA. Sherwood Inn, I-5 at S. 84th St. Lakewood Center Coin Club's Coin Show '85. Robert Kinsedahl, P.O. Box 9389, Tacoma, WA 98409.

3 SANTA CRUZ, CA. CPDES Hall, 216 Evergreen St. near Hwys. 1 & 9. Santa Cruz Coin Club's 27th Anniversary Coin Show. John Shepard, P.O. Box 991, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

9-10 RICHLAND, WA. Holiday Inn, 1515 George Washington Way. 25th Silver Anniversary Show sponsored by the Tri-City Coin Club. G.W. Smith, 903 S. Alder, Kennewick, WA 99336.

9-10 FRESNO, CA. Piccadilly Inn, 2305 W. Shaw Ave. 19th Annual Coin-a-rama sponsored by the Fresno Numismatic Society. FNS, P.O. Box 41, Fresno, CA 93707.

15-17 SAN DIEGO, CA. Holiday Inn at the Embarcadero, 1355 N. Harbor Dr. 77th Semi-Annual Convention of the California State Numismatic Association. Kay Edgerton Lenker, P.O. Box 6909, San Diego, CA 92106.

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24 SANTA ROSA, CA. Veterans Memorial Bldg., 1351 Maple Ave. 18th Annual Coinarama & Stamp Show sponsored by the Redwood Empire Coin Club. William Feist, P.O. Box 2811, Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

DECEMBER

1 PLEASANT HILL, CA. Pleasant Hill Recreation Center, 320 Civic Dr. 23rd Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Diablo Numismatic Society. DNS, P.O. Box 5473, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

FUTURE ANA EVENTS

February 19-23, 1986 SALT LAKE CITY, UT. Hotel Utah. 8th Midwinter Convention. Richard A. Blaylock, General Chairman, P.O. Box 1759, Ogden, UT 84402. Auction by Heritage Capital Corp., 7950 Elmbrook Dr., Suite 100, Dallas, TX 75247.

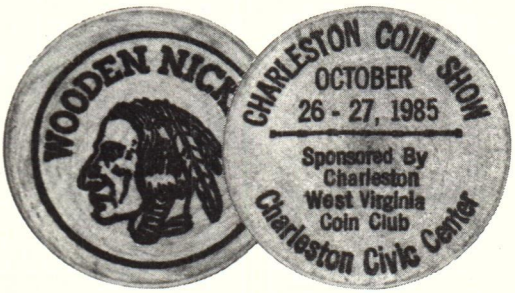
August 5-9, 1986 MILWAUKEE, WI. Milwaukee Exposition & Convention Center & Arena (MECCA). 95th Anniversary Convention. Kurt R. Krueger, General Chairman, P.O. Box 275, Iola, WI 54945. Auction by Kagin's Numismatic Auctions, 1 Market Plaza, Stuart Street Tower, Suite 2616, San Francisco, CA 94105.

February 26-28, 1987 CHARLOTTE, NC. 9th Midwinter Convention. Winborne F. Springs, General Chairman, P.O. Box 11484, Charlotte, NC 28220. Hotel and auctioneer to be announced.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Charleston Coin Club (C-98983)

The Charleston Coin Club of West Virginia has scheduled its annual coin show for October 26-27 at the Charleston Civic Center, Lee Street at Elk River. Further information about the show may be obtained by writing to Bourse Chairman Donald K. Clifford, P.O. Box 65, St. Albans, WV 25177. A wood has been issued to commemorate the event and is available for 25¢ plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope from the CCC, P.O. Box 317, Teays, WV 25569-0317.



Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association (C-90639)

The Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association held its annual coin convention on July 14. Featuring a well-attended bourse and a wide variety of competitive exhibits, the show reportedly was quite successful.

Shown holding certificates for the exhibit awards they received at the Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association coin convention are (from left) Bob Vaughn, best in show; Bobbie Vaughn, second place; Sandra Emme, first place; and Greg Ruby, third place.

Exhibitor's awards were presented by Exhibits Chairman Herb Hall during a special breakfast ceremony, with Bob Vaughn's display of U.S. silver commemoratives taking the best of show award. Sandra Emme's exhibit of Jefferson memorabilia was awarded first place, while Bobbie Vaughn's "The Origin of Numismatics—Ancients" came in second place and Greg Ruby's "An Introduction to Exonumia" garnered him third prize.

To obtain more information about the Metropolitan Washington Numismatic

Association and its activities, write to the club at P.O. Box 4047, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

Dedicated Wooden Money Collectors (C-89774)

Members of the Dedicated Wooden Money Collectors gathered in Baltimore to celebrate the club's 10th anniversary during the ANA convention, August 20-25. The DWMC agenda included a general meeting, wood auction and anniversary banquet.

The club has issued its 10th annual president's wood. Inscribed on the wood's obverse is DWMC president Toni Cichy's name and the club's logo; the reverse incorporates in its design a Maryland blue crab symbolizing the site of the ANA's 94th Anniversary Convention. DWMC president's woods are available for 50 cents each plus a stamped, self-addressed envelope from Toni Cichy, 74 Thelma Irene Dr., North Kingstown, RI 02852.

Chicago Coin Club (LC-7)

A millenium of colorful history and coinage of the Holy Roman Empire, from Charlemagne's time to the empire's demise, were chronicled by William Pettit, past Chicago Coin Club president, at the club's July meeting. Pettit's talk was enhanced by a display of noteworthy coins of the period.

Club business revolved around the planned September celebration of the CCC's 800th meeting, the club having been in continuous existence since 1919. The milestone will be marked by the publication of an anniversary book comprised of scholarly numismatic articles, and the striking of a commemorative medal. Both will be completed in time for the September 14th anniversary and awards banquet at which Margo Russell, former *Coin World* editor, will be the featured speaker.

William Pettit, Chicago Coin Club past president, displays an example of one of the more significant coinage issues of the Holy Roman Empire during his presentation at the club's July meeting.

Token and Medal Society (C-47142)

A limited number of medals commemorating the Token and Medal Society's 25th annual convention have been struck—100 serially-numbered, .999 fine silver issues and 125 each in antique and golden bronze. Centered on the obverse is a depiction of the American flag flying high over Fort McHenry, with the legend BIRTHPLACE OF OUR NATIONAL AN-

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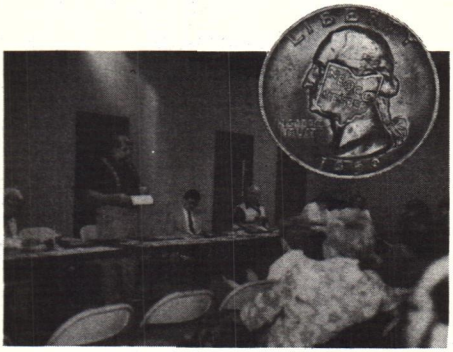
THEM above the flag and TAMS 25TH ANNUAL CONVENTION AUGUST 1985 / BALTIMORE MARYLAND inscribed around the edge. The reverse displays the TAMS logo.

Priced at $17 each for the silver, $2.50 for either bronze issue, and $20 for a set of three, the medals are available by mail from Al Baber, 611 Oakwood Way, El Cajon, CA 92021.

North East Ohio Coin Club (C-34000)

A 1959 silver quarter, counterstamped with the North East Ohio Coin Club logo to commemorate the club's 25th anniversary in 1984, will be distributed to each NEOCC anniversary-year member. At present, club members number 170, an increase of 20 members over last year's total. Attendance at monthly meetings has averaged 60 members and 5 guests, and a junior group meets concurrently with the business meeting for an educational seminar led by Ron Parsons.

NEOCC meetings are held in Euclid, Ohio, at 8 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month in the Euclidian Room of the Euclid Square Mall.



Joe Burk, president of the North East Ohio Coin Club, conducts a regular club business meeting in Euclid.

Canadian Numismatic Association (C-17099)

At the Canadian Numismatic Association's annual convention held in Regina, Saskatchewan, this past July, Sheldon S. Carroll, chairman of the Board of Award, announced Ruth McQuade of Ottawa as the 1985 recipient of the J. Douglas Ferguson award, the highest recognition given by the CNA.

A 38mm, solid 24kt-gold medal, designed by Arnaldo Marchetti of Montreal, is awarded annually by the CNA to the living numismatist who has contributed most to the science of numismatics in Canada through research, writing, publishing or other means.

Ruth is president of the Canadian Numismatic Research Foundation and previously served as secretary and editor for the City of Ottawa Coin Club and the Canadian Paper Money Society. Her carefully researched articles have appeared in several Canadian numismatic journals; her 1976 book *Badge of the Baronets of Nova Scotia* and *The Interpam Book*, which she edited in 1981, brought her international recognition. Ruth has received several literary awards for her contributions to Canadian numismatic literature, including the 1984 Medal of Merit from the Ontario Numismatic Association.

Ocean County Coin Club (C-67395)

New Jersey's Ocean County Coin Club participated in the Town of Brick's Founders' Day Parade and Exhibition in June. Wearing OCCC hats and pins and tossing out 1,000 wooden nickels specially ordered for the event, club members marched the parade route. An OCCC "scrapbook" was on display at the exhibit booth, where membership applications

A check for $860.00 is presented to Deborah Hospital representatives Jean Schill and Mae Taylor by Ocean County Coin Club treasurer Bill Swoschuk, as OCCC president Archie Black looks on approvingly.

and free issues of the club newsletter were distributed. Past OCCC medals also were sold.

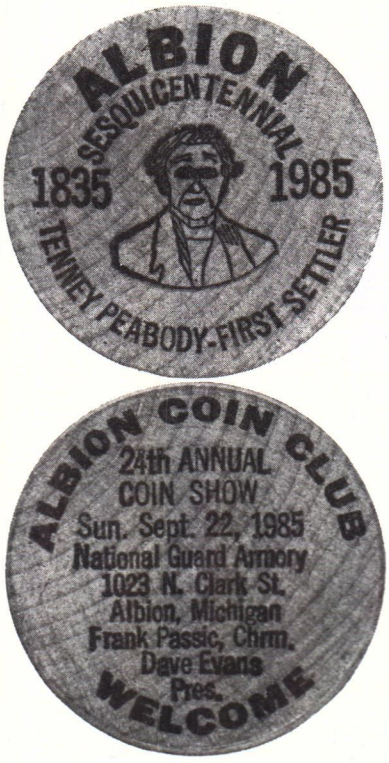
The club's recent Deborah auction raised $860 for the Deborah Hospital in nearby Brown's Mills. Standard club rules are suspended for this annual auction, with no limit set on the number of lots submitted. Members generously donated auction items and refreshments, plus their valuable time, to support the hospital's programs.

Garden State Numismatic Association (LC-17)

The Garden State Numismatic Association of New Jersey has issued a medal commemorating its 10th anniversary. North Carolina artist Thomas D. Rogers Sr. created the design, selected from among about a dozen entries in an open competition. A native of Poughkeepsie, New York, Rogers is a former staff artist at the Franklin Mint.

The medal's obverse features a stylized GSNA logo superimposed on a New Jersey map, complete with county outlines, recognizing the importance of local participation in the state organization. The design is encircled by the inscription THE GARDEN STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION and the dates 1975-1985. A torch, entwined with a banner inscribed COLLECT-PRESERVE-STUDY-DISPLAY, highlighting GSNA goals and activities, and a winged figure grace the reverse.

Fifty two-piece sets, each consisting of one silver and one bronze medal, and 100 bronze specimens have been struck. Available for $34 for the two-piece set and $8 for the bronze only, the medals can be ordered from James K. Brandt, P.O. Box 787, Pearl River, NY 10965.

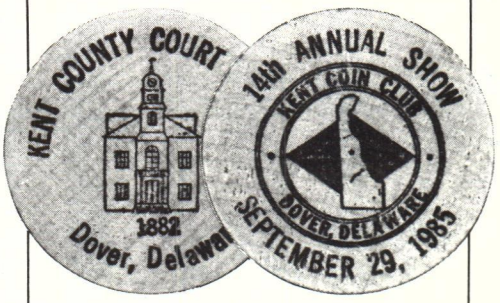


*Michigan's **Albion Coin Club** (C-42190) has issued a special wood noting the club's 24th annual coin show, to be held September 24, 1985. The obverse features the bust of Tenney Peabody (1792-1856), the first settler in Albion, Michigan. The town was named in honor of Jesse Crowell, Albion's greatest benefactor, who came from Albion Township in New York's Oswego County in 1834. Tokens can be purchased for 25¢, plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope, from Albion Coin Club, P.O. Box 131, Albion, MI 49224.*

Cupertino Coin Club (C-70891)

An awards presentation conducted by vice president Al Lo culminated the 1984-85 Youth Numismatic Contest sponsored by California's Cupertino Coin Club. Suzanne Lo won a 1/10-ounce gold Panda as her first-place prize, and Chris Scott was awarded a 1922 Peace dollar for second place and a 1985 Red Book for perfect attendance. Third- and fourth-place prizes went to Chris Fischer and Kelly Carolan, while Michael Baer and Nathan Miller received magnifying glasses for high scores in the coin quiz. Proof 1957 dimes were given to all other participants, and certificates were awarded to those who scored 100 or more total points in the program.

Additional information about the Cupertino Coin Club and its activities can be obtained by writing to the CCC, P.O. Box 1189, Cupertino, CA 95014.



Delaware's ***Kent Coin Club*** *(C-71623) has issued a wooden nickel in conjunction with its 14th Annual Coin Show, scheduled September 29. The wood depicts the Kent County courthouse in Dover, erected in 1882 on the former site of King George's Tavern. Woods may be ordered for 25¢ each, plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope, from the KCC, P.O. Box 894, Dover, DE 19903-0894.*

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None Qualified	None Qualified	Florence Schook 5

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None Qualified	David C. Harper 3 Frank L. Hicks Jr. 3 Robert Lemke 3	None Qualified

Only those members enlisting two or more new applicants are considered in this listing of Top Recruiters. However, the efforts of all recruiters are greatly needed and appreciated.

Applications published in the July issue have been accepted for membership. The following applications, representing membership numbers 128359 through 128510 inclusive and LM-3661 through LM-3668 inclusive, were received before July 11, 1985. Unless accompanied by one of the following codes—(A) Associate, (J) Junior, (LM) Life Member, (CLM) Converted to Life Membership—all applications are for Regular Membership. If no objections are filed prior to October 1, 1985, these applicants will become members on that date and notice to that effect will appear in the November 1985 issue. Absence of a state heading indicates that no applications were received from that state.

Association bylaws require publication of each application but not necessarily the applicant's mailing address. However, if the option to omit the street or box number was not exercised on the application form, it has been published herein. Such applicants should realize that numerous mailings will follow from various dealers and other numismatic organizations that scan the monthly publication of applicants.

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OBITUARIES

John Hunter
LM 1204

Life-member and professional numismatist John F. Hunter of Deering, New Hampshire, passed away June 30 at age 68. Specializing in coins and medals of the world, Hunter owned Northeast Coin Company and attributed numismatic items for collectors, coin dealers and national auction catalogs.

He authored the *Catalog of Pure Nickel Coins of the World*, published in 1970 as part of the Hewitt numismatic information series, and contributed to Krause's *Standard Catalog of World Coins* and various Whitman publications, including *A Guidebook of English Coins*. Hunter also held life membership in Numismatics International, New England Numismatic Association, Maine Numismatic Association and the New Hampshire Numismatic Association, of which he was a charter member.

In 1974 Hunter designed the Deering Bicentennial Committee's medal and in 1976 was appointed to the U.S. Bicentennial Assay Commission by President Ford. A veteran of World War II, he is survived by his wife, Bernadette Sauvajon Hunter.

David Sonderman
ANA 84204

Following a lengthy illness, David Sonderman of Amherst, Massachusetts, died June 20 at the terribly young age of 35. Perhaps only a few collectors outside the often close quarters of early American coinage know the name David Sonderman. That's unfortunate. Their numismatic lives probably would have been enriched and enhanced if they had known him.

Dave was not a big advertiser. He preferred to send out neatly typed price lists every now and then, and almost none of the coins he offered were mentioned in the weekly "Grey Sheet." In fact, the coins he dealt with rarely are found in super-godzilla-gem condition and virtually never by the roll, let alone "original" bag.

David Sonderman affectionately dealt primarily with the rather worn, crudely struck American currency of the 17th, 18th and early-19th centuries—not exactly the stratospheric materials persistently touted by the chart-reading, investment-oriented brokers who dominate the numismatic marketplace these days.

As time and health permitted, Dave attended various coin shows around the country, especially the ANA anniversary conventions. Usually, he focused his dealing and numismatic searching on the Northeast, where more early-American coins and collectors seem to be found and appreciated.

When not personally scouting for specific items for his loyal clients' want lists, he modestly worked under the impressive title of David Sonderman, Ph.D., studying and teaching at Cornell, Yale and finally the University of Massachusetts. His academic specialties were theoretical and applied mathematics, but apparently his first love was early-American numismatics.

Dave's *Coin World* obituary (July 11, p. 14) was headlined: "Colonial Coin Scholar David Sonderman Dies." Harvey and Norman Stack mourned the loss of their friend and colleague with a simple, eloquent full-page ad in the same issue.

While only in his early 30s, David learned so much about early-American copper and silver coinage and paper money that the Stacks hired him a few years ago to catalog the very important Richard Picker Second Collection and the John L. Roper auction sale.

Before his own much-too-soon passing, Dick Picker shared some of his decades

of Colonial coinage research with David. That knowledge, as well as a love of numismatics, David shared with his own customers.

Virtually each Colonial coin and currency item on his price lists elicited at least one or two lines of tender descriptions, usually more. He often briefly explained each piece's importance in the whole complicated scheme of early-American money. Dave always offered enough items to appeal to collectors of all levels. One of his last price lists, issued in March 1984, offered five pages of interesting, historically important material, with grades ranging from Fine to Choice Uncirculated. These items were priced from a modest $65 for a Choice Very Fine 1723 Hibernia halfpenny with smooth olive-brown surfaces to $5,500 for a near Uncirculated 1652 Massachusetts Pine Tree shilling with a pedigree as impressive as its state of preservation.

I first met David Sonderman in person a decade ago when the Early American Coppers organization held a meeting in Chicago. Into a downtown hotel bourse room walked a young man with a rubberband holding his long blond hair in a short ponytail. Under his arm he carried what appeared to be several loaves of bread.

However, secretly inside each bread wrapper were several boxes of coins. Now who would ever suspect—even in Chicago—that a "hippie" walking down the street with a few loaves of bread actually was a very intelligent mathematician/numismatist who had devised a clever bit of security to disguise a few thousand dollars worth of rare coins!

David shared my considerable interest in the state coinage of Connecticut, 1785-88. In 1979, while researching three major Connecticut varieties (*The Colonial Newsletter*, March 1980), I wrote him asking for additional information about varieties and some turn-of-the-century dealers. He shared his knowledge and also offered his opinions. "Getting into research on these old dealers can be a lot of fun—memorabilia like old auction catalogs, envelopes, etc. It was certainly a different business then," he replied.

In late 1977 Dave's knowledge of Colonial coins temporarily put his life in jeopardy. Suddenly—and frighteningly—he was approached by two suspicious persons offering to sell a handful of exceptionally rare coins. David immediately realized the items had been stolen during a robbery a few months prior at the American Numismatic Society museum in New York City. He was able to stall the sellers for a few days, enough time to alert the FBI and be instructed by Federal investigators to set up another meeting with the suspects. The meeting took place at a hotel in New Haven, Connecticut, where David lived. The FBI gave him a briefcase filled with tens of thousands of dollars in cash and wired his body with a remote-control microphone.

Recalling the potentially dangerous episode, David laughed at how he was supposed to signal the FBI agents hidden about the hotel lobby. When he recognized that the coins being offered by the suspects actually were the ANS items, he was to take off the glasses he would be wearing and casually wipe them on his shirt. The instant he even started to remove the glasses from his face, the armed lawmen grabbed the suspects.

Eventually all the missing ANS coins were recovered; some were found buried. The suspects in the case were tried and convicted. Dave wrote me: "What amazes me is they ever got away with what they did."

After the recovery of the museum specimens, David quietly accepted commendations, citations and reward money. Among the citations was the Professional Numismatists Guild 1978 Sol Kaplan Award for outstanding service to numismatics, a very prestigious industry award.

Colleagues at the University of Massachusetts have established a David Sonderman Memorial Scholarship Fund. For additional information write to Richard J. Gillio, Marston Hall, Room 114, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003.

Those who did not know David Sonderman now at least know of him. Those of us who did know David Sonderman certainly will always fondly remember him.

—*Donn Pearlman*

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1878 8 T.F.	14.95	17.50	18.95	19.50	23.50	32.75	1890 S	13.95	14.50	15.25	16.95	18.75	25.75
1878 7/8 T.F.	14.50	20.50	22.50	24.50	28.50	38.50	1891	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	19.95	34.95
1878 CC	18.50	22.75	24.95	29.95	34.95	49.95	1891 CC	18.75	24.50	26.75	34.75	44.75	61.50
1878 S	13.50	14.75	16.75	17.75	19.75	24.75	1891 O	13.50	13.95	14.50	17.50	21.50	33.75
1879	12.95	13.95	14.95	16.50	19.95	23.75	1891 S	13.95	14.50	15.25	16.95	19.95	24.95
1879 CC	23.50	27.50	35.95	59.50	165.00	295.00	1892	13.95	14.25	15.95	19.95	24.95	49.50
1879 O	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	20.95	24.95	1892 CC	25.95	27.50	29.95	42.75	69.50	149.50
1879 S	13.50	14.25	15.25	16.95	19.75	26.95	1892 O	13.50	13.95	15.95	18.95	24.95	56.50
1880	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	23.75	1892 S	14.75	15.50	17.95	39.95	119.95	595.00
1880 CC	26.50	31.50	38.75	54.50	74.50	105.00	1893	26.95	27.95	39.50	47.95	72.50	155.50
1880 O	13.50	13.95	14.75	16.50	19.95	25.95	1893 CC	29.75	32.50	49.50	109.50	275.00	399.50
1880 S	13.50	14.25	15.25	17.50	19.95	27.75	1893 O	26.50	27.50	41.50	82.50	195.00	305.00
1881	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	23.75	1893 S	545.00	595.00	895.00	1350.00	—	—
1881 CC	47.50	52.50	68.00	74.50	86.50	115.50	1894	145.00	155.00	190.00	245.00	315.00	485.00
1881 O	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	23.75	1894 O	13.50	14.95	16.95	19.95	29.50	69.50
1881 S	13.50	14.25	15.25	17.75	19.75	27.75	1894 S	14.75	16.25	18.25	37.50	69.50	145.00
1882	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	23.75	1895 O	31.50	37.75	45.50	87.50	195.00	445.00
1882 CC	17.95	24.50	28.50	37.50	47.95	59.95	1895 S	45.75	52.75	69.50	134.95	295.00	495.00
1882 O	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	23.75	1896	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	23.75
1882 S	13.50	14.25	15.75	17.75	21.75	31.75	1896 O	13.50	13.95	14.95	16.95	22.95	72.50
1883	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	23.75	1896 S	14.50	14.95	15.75	36.75	89.95	179.50
1883 CC	17.95	24.50	28.50	37.50	47.95	59.95	1897	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	19.25	23.75
1883 O	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	23.75	1897 O	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.95	42.75
1883 S	14.50	14.95	16.25	19.50	25.95	89.50	1897 S	14.50	14.75	15.75	16.75	19.50	25.75
1884	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	23.75	1898	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	24.75
1884 CC	23.50	28.95	37.50	46.50	51.95	65.50	1898 O	14.75	15.75	16.75	18.95	21.50	25.75
1884 O	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	23.75	1898 S	13.75	14.95	15.75	17.50	23.75	42.75
1884 S	13.50	15.50	17.25	21.00	31.50	165.00	1899	21.50	22.75	27.50	37.50	47.50	59.95
1885	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	23.75	1899 O	13.50	14.25	14.75	17.50	18.75	24.75
1885 O	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	23.75	1899 S	13.50	14.95	15.75	19.95	24.75	48.95
1885 S	14.50	16.50	17.50	19.95	21.95	48.95	1900	13.50	13.95	15.50	16.50	19.95	23.75
1886	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	23.75	1900 O	13.50	14.75	15.00	16.50	19.75	23.75
1886 O	13.50	13.95	16.25	17.75	22.95	47.50	1900 S	13.75	14.50	16.50	18.95	23.95	42.50
1886 S	14.50	16.95	18.95	23.75	29.75	39.95	1901	16.50	18.75	24.75	29.95	45.00	215.00
1887	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	23.75	1901 O	13.50	14.25	14.75	18.75	19.50	24.50
1887 O	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	24.95	1901 S	13.75	17.75	18.75	21.95	29.75	58.75
1887 S	14.50	14.95	16.50	18.95	21.95	26.95	1902	13.50	13.95	14.50	17.25	19.95	25.50
1888	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	23.75	1902 O	13.95	14.95	16.75	18.50	19.75	24.75
1888 O	13.50	13.95	14.50	17.50	19.95	24.75	1902 S	17.25	19.75	25.50	44.50	75.75	114.95
1888 S	15.50	17.95	21.75	24.95	32.50	48.50	1903	13.50	13.95	15.50	17.25	18.75	25.50
1889	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	23.75	1903 O	127.50	129.50	139.50	153.50	164.50	195.50
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1889 O	13.50	13.95	14.50	17.50	19.95	27.75	1904	13.50	13.95	15.50	17.50	19.95	34.75
1889 S	16.95	17.95	19.50	27.95	32.75	45.50	1904 O	13.95	15.75	16.75	18.50	19.75	24.75
1890	13.50	13.95	14.50	16.50	18.75	23.75	1904 S	14.75	15.75	22.50	42.50	91.75	355.00
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1924 S	14.00	14.50	15.25	16.50	19.95	39.95	1928	—	85.00	92.50	105.50	118.50	128.00
1925	—	—	14.50	15.00	15.50	18.50	1928 S	14.00	14.75	16.75	17.50	23.95	39.95
1925 S	14.00	14.50	15.25	16.50	18.95	25.50	1934	15.75	16.50	18.75	19.50	22.50	29.50
1926	—	—	14.25	15.50	16.50	20.75	1934 D	14.00	15.75	16.75	17.75	19.75	29.50
1926 D	14.00	14.50	14.75	16.00	18.50	26.75	1934 S	14.00	16.75	18.75	39.75	119.50	335.00
1926 S	—	14.00	14.25	14.75	16.25	18.75	1935	14.00	15.75	16.25	17.50	18.50	22.75
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1879-CC	750.00	4,500.00	1892-CC	375.00	895.00	1896-S	650.00	1,650.00
1883-S	399.00	4,000.00	1893-P	290.00	1,700.00	1897-O	299.00	5,000.00
1884-S	995.00	15,000.00	1893-O	850.00	9,000.00	1899-S	139.00	695.00
1886-O	290.00	2,000.00	1893-CC	895.00	5,500.00	1900-S	119.00	795.00
1886-S	159.00	995.00	1894-P	775.00	7,500.00	1901-P	699.00	9,500.00
1888-S	149.00	795.00	1894-O	390.00	8,500.00	1901-S	229.00	1,800.00
1889-S	149.00	895.00	1894-S	279.00	2,350.00	1902-S	199.00	995.00
1889-CC	3,995.00	16,500.00	1895 Prf	19,995.00	WTD	1903-S	1,499.00	6,900.00
1891-CC	199.00	495.00	1895-O	1,595.00	WTD	1904-S	799.00	2,800.00
			1895-S	799.00	2,900.00		Buy 5 or more and deduct 5%.	

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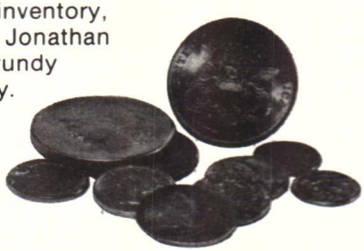

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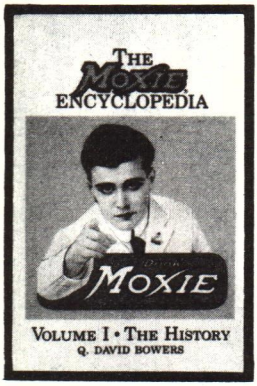

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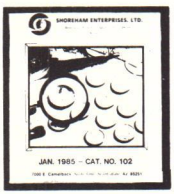

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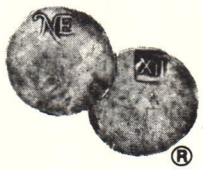

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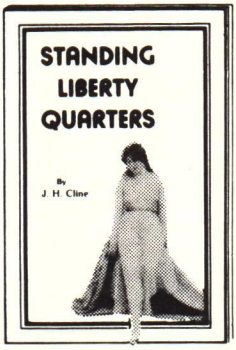

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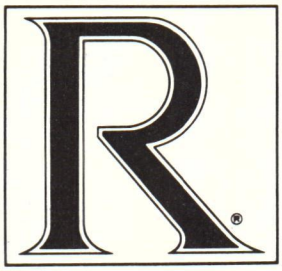

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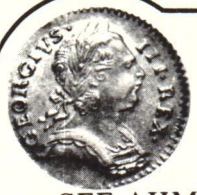

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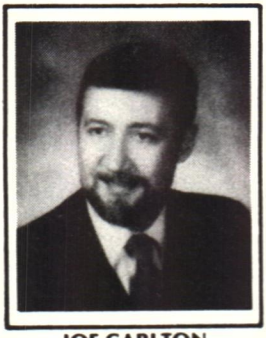

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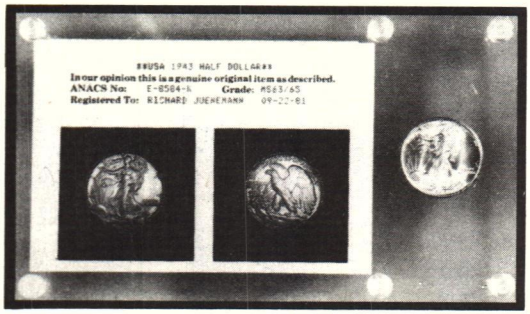

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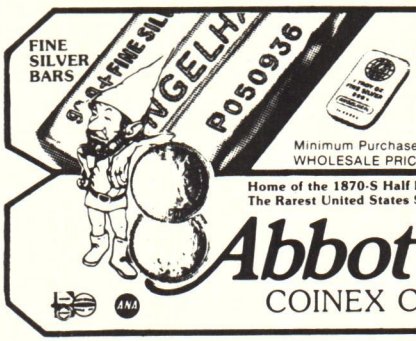

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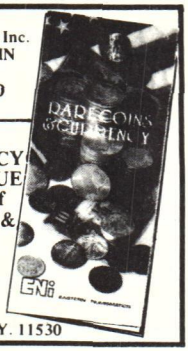

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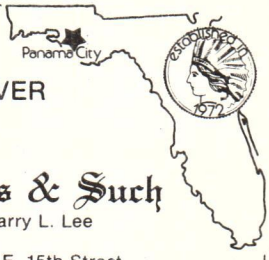

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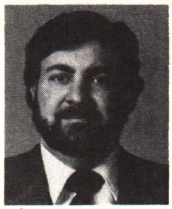

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1936-S Oregon	275	375	Wanted
1937-D Oregon	195	245	Write
1938-PDS Oregon Set	—	895	Wanted
1939-PDS Oregon Set	—	1,600	Wanted
Panama-Pacific	750	1,400	Write
1920 Pilgrim	90	135	395
1921 Pilgrim	195	350	Wanted
Rhode Island PDS Set	395	550	Write
Rhode Island Type	135	185	Write
Roanoke	250	375	550
Robinson	125	195	350
1935-S San Diego	130	175	Write
1936-D San Diego	145	195	Write
Sesquicentennial	75	275	Wanted
Spanish Trail	875	1,100	Write
Stone Mountain	50	90	165
1934 Texas Set	175	250	Wanted
1935-PDS Texas Set	550	775	950
1936-PDS Texas Set	525	750	950
1937-PDS Texas Set	650	850	1,050
1938-PDS Texas Set	—	1,100	1,350
Texas Type	195	275	350
Vancouver	475	675	Write
Vermont	345	450	Write
1946-PDS BTW Set	65	85	Write
1947-PDS BTW Set	80	95	Write
+1948-PDS BTW Set	145	195	Write
+1949-PDS BTW Set	295	375	Write
+1950-PDS BTW Set	225	295	Write
+1951-PDS BTW Set	125	175	Write
+1948/51-PDS BTW Sets	695	895	Write
BTW Type	25	35	Write

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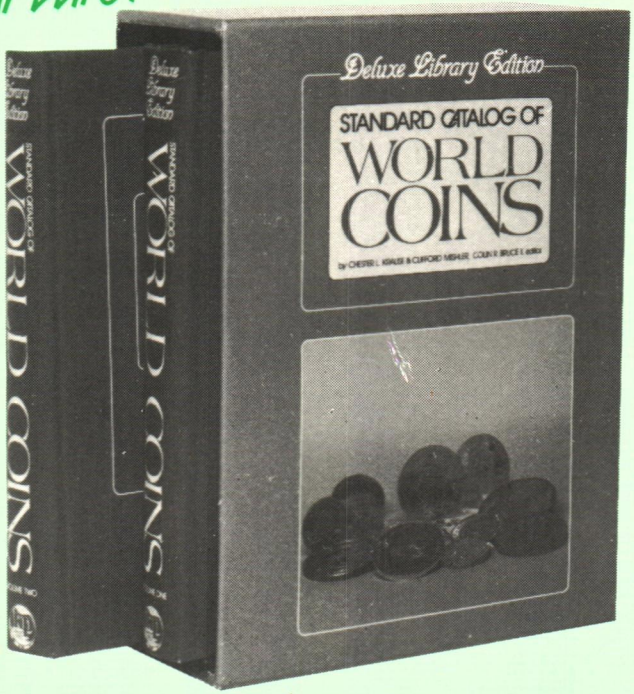

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